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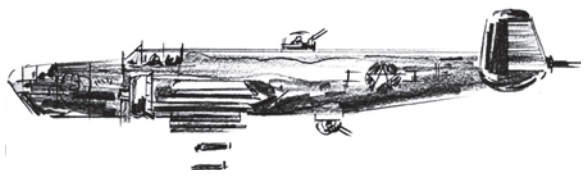

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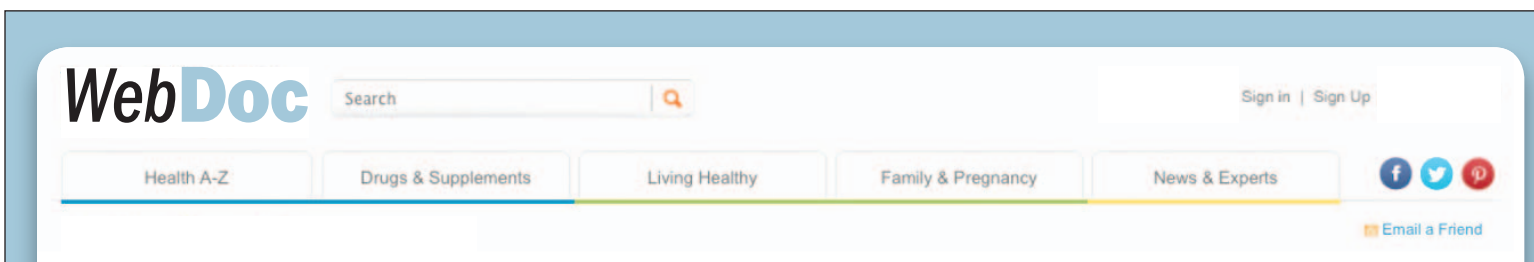

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Have patients gone wild with Internet diagnoses?

Doctors say medical websites have value but should not be used to self-diagnose

By JULIE SWIDWA
H-P Staff Writer

A major league baseball pitcher experiencing numbness in a finger is diagnosed with an aneurism in an artery near his right shoulder.

Another high-profile celebrity is hospitalized for a blood clot in his calf.

Another is diagnosed with cancer.

News of a celebrity death or serious illness is quick to hit the Internet, putting emergency room doctors on high alert.

"When a celebrity is diagnosed with something, I say 'Fire it up!' We get a flood of people coming in thinking they have the same thing. It'll go on for about a month," said Dr. Robert Nolan, director of emergency medicine at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph.

"It's not such a big deal if somebody wants to come in and get checked out. But if they've gone online and they see tests recommended for a certain thing, they'll demand those same, often expensive, tests."

There was a time when most people would recognize a headache, sore throat, fever and chills as most likely the flu or a common cold. But now, doctors say, the Web can send people down a dark path that leads to thoughts of a rare and/or serious disease – even if they don't have one.

Don Campbell / H-P staff

Dr. Robert Nolan, director of Emergency Medicine at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph, is pictured in one of the hospital's emergency trauma rooms.

Discussing the pros and cons of Internet doctoring, Nolan said he likes informed, educated patients, but sometimes what he gets are patients gone wild. Exploring symptoms on the Internet is likely to lead to a self-diagnosis. And often it's not the correct one. Without identifying patients, Nolan offered examples.

"Some people go online and come in with fabulous information. One woman came in very fatigued, cold intolerant and losing her hair. She thought it was her thyroid, and it was."

But, he said, another woman spent tens of thousands of dollars trying to get a doctor to confirm her incorrect self-diagnosis.

"She came in with 47 pages of information about black mold. Someone had spilled water on her carpet, and she was feeling tired."

Certain that she'd been

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The U.S.' evolving electorate

Hispanic voters and single women gaining influence at the polls

By NANCY BENAC and CONNIE CASS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's not just the economy, stupid. It's the demographics – the changing face of America.

The 2012 elections drove home trends that have been embedded in the fine print of birth and death rates, immigration statistics and census charts for years.

America is rapidly getting more diverse, and, more gradually, so is its electorate.

Nonwhites made up 28 percent of the electorate this year, compared with 20 percent in 2000. Much of that growth is coming from Hispanics.

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The trend has worked to the advantage of President Barack Obama two elections in a row now and is not lost on Republicans poring over the details of Tuesday's results.

Obama captured a commanding 80 percent of the growing ranks of nonwhite voters in 2012, just as he did in 2008. Republican Mitt Romney won 59 percent of non-Hispanic whites.

Romney couldn't win even though he dominated among white men and outperformed 2008 nominee John McCain with that group. It's an ever-shrinking slice of the electorate and of America writ large.

White men made up 34 percent of the electorate this year, down from 46 percent in 1972.

"The new electorate is a lagging indicator of the next America," says Paul Taylor of the Pew Research Center. "We are midpassage in a century-long journey from the middle of the last century, when we were nearly a 90 percent white nation, to the middle of this coming century, when we will be a majority minority nation."

Another trend that will be shaping the future electorate is the

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Predicting presidents, storms and life by computer models

AP file photo

Chief hurricane specialist James Franklin looks at computers tracking Hurricane Sandy at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. Computer models have recently displayed impressive prediction prowess, from predicting Superstorm Sandy to who would win the presidential election.

Sandy forecasts, election picks help move field into public eye

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Forget political pundits, gut instincts, and psychics. The mightier-than-ever silicon chip seems to reveal the future.

In just two weeks this fall, computer models displayed an impressive prediction prowess.

It started when the first computer model alerted meteorologists to the pre-Halloween disaster headed for the Northeast from a bunch of clouds in the Caribbean. Nearly a week later, that weather system became Hurricane Sandy and grew into a superstorm after taking a once-in-a-century sharp turn into New Jersey.

Then, statistician and blogger Nate Silver correctly forecast on his beat-up laptop how all 50 states would vote for president. He even predicted a tie in Florida and projected it eventually would tip to President Barack Obama, which is the equivalent of predicting a coin landing on its side. He did it by taking polling data, weighing it for past accuracy and running 40,000 computer simulations at a time.

He then gave his forecast in terms of percentages, saying that Obama had a 91 percent chance of being re-elected.

In the case of Sandy, lives were at stake. With the election, reputations were on the line and some pundits were dismissive of the computer modeling. Bets were made. Challenges issued.

The math majors came out on top thanks to better and more accessible data and rapidly increasing computer power.

"In this particular case, rationality scored a win," said Princeton University neuroscientist Sam Wang, who since 2004 has been using mathematical formulas and polling data to predict elections for the Princeton Election Consortium. Wang predicted a "100 percent

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Violinist Jennifer Koh plays Bach at Howard Performing Arts Center. In **ENTERTAINMENT.**

Honoring those who served

Gretchen Ertl / AP

Joseph Manning (right) of Raynham, Mass., and his son Joey, 6, a Cub Scout, place U.S. flags at the graves of deceased veterans Saturday at the National Cemetery in Bourne, Mass. Thousands of flags were placed in the cemetery in advance of Veterans Day.

Michigan

Detroit JROTC cadets to honor veterans

DETROIT (AP) — Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets will honor 20 black and Native American soldiers buried at Detroit's Elmwood Historic Cemetery after the Civil War.

More than 450 students from 13 Detroit Public Schools JROTC programs and 400 cadets from other area schools are to take part Monday morning in the annual Veterans Day program.

The soldiers were members of the 102nd U.S. Colored Troops.

The ceremony includes presentation of wreaths and roses, and recognition of veterans groups.

U.S. Reps. John Conyers and Gary Peters and Detroit Public Schools emergency financial manager Roy Roberts are scheduled to attend.

Nation

3 kids, dad killed in Maine home fire

ORRINGTON, Maine (AP) — Authorities say a fire at a rural Maine wood home has killed a father and his three children, while the kids' mother has been taken to a hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation.

State police identified the victims as 30-year-old Benjamin Johnson III, and the couple's three children: 9-year-old Ben, 8-year-old Leslie and 4-year-old Ryan.

Their mother, 31-year-old Christine Johnson, escaped the predawn fire Saturday and suffered smoke inhalation.

The home is in a rural area of Orrington, which has about 3,900 residents and serves as a bedroom community to Bangor six miles to the north. Firefighting crews from Bangor and four other towns were called in and extinguished the fire in about an hour.

Cal St. targets 'super seniors' with hefty fees

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — They're called super seniors, and they can be found on nearly every college campus in America.

These veteran undergraduates have amassed many more units than they need to earn a degree, with college careers that can stretch well beyond four years.

At California State University, school administrators say enough is enough: The 23-campus system can't afford to let students linger so long without collecting their diplomas.

Cal State officials want to start charging hefty fees that could almost triple the cost for students who have completed five years of full-time undergraduate work.

World

Jamaica approves laws to allow casinos

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Legislators in Jamaica have unanimously approved two bills that will allow casinos to be built on the island for the first time.

Jamaica currently has only a few hundred slot machines at hotels in the capital of Kingston and in popular tourist areas.

Religious groups on the conservative island have long opposed casinos, saying they will lead to problems.

Jamaica had approved a law two years ago that legalized casinos, but the measures approved Friday by senators allow those interested to apply for a gambling license.

UK teen jailed for robbing jewelry stores

LONDON (AP) — British police say a 16-year-old boy who used prosthetics and dreadlocks to conduct armed robberies in disguise has been jailed for five years.

Police say Miles Alura pretended to be an elderly man with facial prosthetics, make-up and a hair piece to steal $79,500 of jewelry from a shop in Kent in July. They say he produced two handguns and tied up employees before fleeing.

That robbery was linked to one in London a month earlier, when Alura wore fake dreadlocks to rob a jeweler of $159,000 worth of stock.

Alura was jailed Friday at Kingston Crown Crown Court.

Two teenage accomplices who cannot be named for legal reasons were sentenced to three years in jail and a 12-month detention order.

Lotteries

Saturday drawings

Michigan
Midday Daily 3: 2-1-7
Midday Daily 4: 5-4-5-2
Daily 3: 4-8-6
Daily 4: 9-9-2-4
Fantasy 5: 13-18-22-24-32
Classic Lotto 47: 01-10-17-21-35-40
Keno: 04-09-12-13-15-20-29-32-34-35-38-39-40-58-59-60-61-68-69-75-77-80
Mega Millions jackpot: $19 million
Powerball jackpot: $168 million

Indiana
Daily Three-Midday: 6-7-8
Daily Four-Midday: 2-2-8-2

Illinois
My 3 Midday: 5-0-4
Pick Three-Midday: 6-4-6
Pick Four-Midday: 4-8-4-1

Friday evening drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions **18-22-33-35-40**
Mega Ball 11
Powerball jackpot $168 million

Indiana
Cash 5 08-11-14-25-39
Daily Three 6-8-5
Daily Four 0-2-0-8
Mix and Match 12-32-33-40-47
Quick Draw 02-08-09-11-13-23-31-35-37-44-48-50-54-61-62-63-68-71-74-75

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My 3 4-3-4
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Pick 4 9-5-7-3
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Obama re-election means big health care decisions for states

BY CHRISTINE VESTAL
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Supporters of health care reform rally in front of the Supreme Court on March 28 in Washington on the final day of arguments regarding the health care law signed by President Barack Obama. America's decision to re-elect President Barack Obama over the Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, will impact key sectors of the American economy. The president's victory preserves his health care overhaul, which aims to cover millions of uninsured Americans.

WASHINGTON — Since the day it was enacted, many of the Affordable Care Act's opponents have preferred to treat it as provisional. First, they argued, the Supreme Court might overturn the whole law. When that didn't happen in June, opponents turned to the hope that maybe Mitt Romney would win the presidency and repeal it.

Now, there are no more maybes.

"With an Obama victory one has to come to terms that the Affordable Care Act is the law of the land," says Henry Aaron, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. "Maybe it's time to start living in reality rather than fantasy."

Still, in the new reality, there remain some significant uncertainties in the immediate future of the ACA, particularly in how Republican governors, who have vociferously opposed the law until now, will react in the wake of President Barack Obama's victory.

The ACA is indeed the law of the land and will remain so for the foreseeable future, but that doesn't mean that Republican governors have to be full participants.

If they decline to be involved, however, they have to be willing to forego billions of federal dollars while at the same time inviting more federal involvement in their state health policies.

At issue is whether states will be willing and able to run their own health insurance exchanges - the ACA's envisioned online marketplaces where some 30 million Americans will be able to comparison shop for private insurance plans and apply for Medicaid and federal tax credits. If states choose not to run their own exchanges, the law requires the federal government to do it for them.

States must also decide whether they want to accept generous federal funding to expand their Medicaid programs to cover millions more people. In addition to the political liability that may represent for Republicans, the expansion also comes with a future price tag some states are taking very seriously.

States were expected to make the initial decision on establishing exchanges by Nov. 16, but the Obama administration announced Friday it was extending the deadline to Dec. 14. There is no deadline for states in considering whether to participate in the ACA's expanded Medicaid program, but it is a decision many of them will want to make sooner rather than later. Choices made on both health exchanges and Medicaid expansion will have major effects on consumers and the entire health care industry, as well as state budgets, for years to come.

From here on out, states will be the primary drivers of the health law's implementation. To achieve its intended goal of covering 30 million uninsured people with affordable health care, the Obama administration will have to engage in some give-and-take in order to ensure the cooperation of as many states as possible.

The federal health law originally required states to expand their Medicaid programs, starting in 2014, to people with incomes at or below 133 percent of the federal poverty level, about $31,000 for a family of four and $15,000 for an individual. That expansion by itself was expected to take in some 16 million uninsured people nationwide, about half of the total population the law aimed to cover.

But this year's Supreme Court decision, which largely upheld the law, made the Medicaid expansion optional for the states. That spawned a series of refusals to participate by GOP governors who opposed the law. Most Democratic governors are expected eventually to agree to implement the provision.

For states that take up the Medicaid option, the federal government will pay 100 percent of the costs for the first three years; after that states are responsible for up to 10 percent of the costs. Although the offer seems generous, some states genuinely worry that the increased expenses in the fourth year and beyond will strain their already costly Medicaid programs.

States get more time to work on health care plans

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trying to show flexibility without slowing down President Barack Obama's health care law, the administration said Friday states can have more time to work out their roles in providing health care to millions of uninsured Americans.

In a letter to governors, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said she still wants to hear by the end of next week if states will be setting up health insurance markets under the law. But governors can now take another month, until mid-December, to submit detailed blueprints.

The new insurance exchanges will allow households and small businesses to buy a private health plan, and many will get help from the government to pay their premiums. Under the law, states that can't or won't set up exchanges will have theirs run by Washington.

But many governors and state lawmakers were on the fence, awaiting the outcome of the presidential election. And the lost time left them fewer options.

In a concession to procrastinators, Sebelius said states considering a partnership with the federal government to run their exchanges can now have until mid-February to make a decision and submit their blueprints.

The partnership option allows states to handle consumer relations and oversight of health plans, while the federal government does the heavy lifting, taking care of enrollment, and figuring out any taxpayer help that consumers may be entitled to.

Sebelius stressed, however, that she is not waiving any hard deadlines under the law.

"Consumers in all fifty states and the District of Columbia will have access to insurance through these new marketplaces on January 1, 2014, as scheduled, with no delays," she wrote. Open enrollment for exchange plans will start in about 11 months, Oct. 1, 2013.

A check by The Associated Press found 17 states and the District of Columbia on track to setting up their own exchanges, while 10 have decided not to do so.

The states on track include California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia.

Not setting up exchanges are Alaska, Florida, Louisiana, Maine, New Hampshire, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Missouri and others are likely to join the list. The federal government could end up running the show in half or more of the states.

Soldier's insider attack story is part of training

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

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This photo taken Feb. 22 shows soldiers training at Fort Polk, La., with role players who pretend to be Afghan troops.

WASHINGTON — Not a day goes by that Zach Camp doesn't replay that terrible August day over in his mind.

Was there anything he could have done differently? Were there any signs that an Afghan Army soldier was going to turn his machine gun on the American troops he had been training alongside for months?

Nearly three months after the assault that sent Camp home with a gunshot wound, the Army first lieutenant says he doesn't think there was any way he or his fellow team members could have anticipated the insider attack.

But after three surgeries to remove the bullet and fragments from his leg and months of physical therapy, Camp is turning his injury into a teaching tool for other U.S. troops heading to Afghanistan to work with Afghan forces.

"You get overwhelmed with a sense of betrayal, that you just got attacked by the same people you are trying to help," said Camp, who deployed to Afghanistan in April with an Army team assigned to train Afghans in the rugged mountains near the Pakistan border. "I didn't know who it was, I didn't know it was an insider attack. It was hard to tell even where it was coming from – you just didn't think it was coming from the actual place that we were going to."

But it was.

The American team had just stepped outside the gate of U.S. forward operating base Mehtar Lam to make their daily trek across the street to the compound where they would train Afghan troops when they were met with a barrage of machine gun fire. An Afghan Army soldier, who probably had been training with the Americans for some time, shot two U.S. troops – Camp and an unidentified soldier who part of a nearby helicopter crew.

Other U.S. troops quickly came to the team's rescue and killed the Afghan soldier.

At least 43 separate insider attacks, where members of the Afghan security forces or insurgents dressed in their uniforms turn their guns on U.S. and allied troops, have killed more than 60 NATO service members. That includes at least five attacks in the past two weeks.

The assaults have rattled the trust between the NATO and Afghan troops, raising questions about how effectively the allied forces can train the Afghans to take over security of their own country in 2014 and beyond.

In response, the U.S. has bolstered security surrounding its troops in Afghanistan and increased training on how to spot and prevent the deadly attacks, even as more of the training teams prepare to head to the front.

For the first time, the instruction for the teams involves a presentation from someone who's experienced such an attack. Part of Camp's message is that things can change very quickly.

"I think the fact that it's one of their own telling them that, yes, this has happened to me, and it is a very real danger, I think it does hit closer to home with a lot of people versus just having a power point slide saying this is a statistic," Camp said. "I know we see it on the news all the time, I saw it on the on the news just a few days ago, but I think when you have that real person sitting in front of you sharing that experience it become a lot more real."

The training at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., and the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., now includes scenarios modeled after actual insider attacks that have happened over the past year.

Gen. David Rodriguez, head of U.S. Army Forces Command, said analysts go through all the details of the attacks and build training exercises for the soldiers from them.

"So there's nowhere they go in the training center where there is not a training challenge that's like they're facing over there in Afghanistan," Rodriguez said. "We're putting a lot of emphasis on this. And any time we see a different situation over there, we adjust the training."

GOP showing in California worries party strategists

By MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — If the future happens first in California, the Republican Party has a problem.

The nation's most populous state – home to 1 in 8 Americans – has entered a period of Democratic political control so far-reaching that the dwindling number of Republicans in the Legislature are in danger of becoming mere spectators at the statehouse.

Democrats hold the governorship and every other statewide office. They gained even more ground in Tuesday's elections, picking up at least three congressional seats while votes continue to be counted in two other tight races – in one upset, Democrat Raul Ruiz, a Harvard-educated physician who mobilized a district's growing swath of Hispanic voters, pushed out longtime Republican Rep. Mary Bono Mack.

The party also secured a supermajority in one, and possibly both, chambers in the Legislature.

"Republican leaders should look at California and shudder," says Steve Schmidt, who managed John McCain's 2008 campaign and anchored former Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's re-election team in 2006. "The two-party system has collapsed."

Republican voter registration has dipped so low – less than 30 percent – that the party's future state candidates will be hobbled from the start.

Republicans searching for a new direction after Mitt Romney's defeat will inevitably examine why President Barack Obama rolled up more than 70 percent of the Hispanic and Asian vote, and 9 of 10 votes among blacks, essential ingredients in his victory. Women also supported Obama over Romney nationally and in California, where they broke for the president by 27 percentage points.

There is no better place to witness how demographic shifts have shaped elections than in California, the home turf of Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan that just a generation ago was a reliably Republican state in presidential contests.

A surge in immigrants transformed the state, and its voting patterns. The number of Hispanics, blacks and Asians combined has outnumbered whites since 1998 in California, and by 2020 the Hispanic population alone is expected to top that of whites. With Latinos, for example, voter surveys show they've overwhelmingly favored Democratic presidential candidates for decades. Similar shifts are taking place across the nation.

"There are demographic changes in the American electorate that we saw significantly, first, here in California and Republicans nationally are not reacting to them," said Jim Brulte, a former Republican leader in the California Senate.

"Romney overwhelmingly carried the white vote – 20 years ago, that would have meant an electoral landslide. Instead, he lost by 2 million votes" in the state, Brulte said.

Perhaps no part of the state better illustrates how Republicans surrendered ground than in Orange County, once a largely white, GOP bastion where Nixon's seaside home became known as the Western White House.

Today, whites make up a little more than 40 percent of the population, while 2 in 10 residents are Asian and about 1 in 3 is Hispanic, according to the census.

In 1980, Jimmy Carter managed to collect about a quarter of the vote against Reagan in the county. But by 1996, with the county diversifying, Bill Clinton grabbed 38 percent of the vote, and Al Gore boosted that to 40 percent in 2000. This year, Obama won 44 percent of the vote in Orange County, according to preliminary returns.

Romney "implemented a winning election strategy for 1980," University of Southern California professor Patrick James said in a statement issued by the school. "If you look at the demographics and voting proportions, the Reagan coalition would not win a majority today."

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BBC chief resigns after saying TV report was wrong

By CASSANDRA VINOGRAD
Associated Press

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BBC Director General George Entwistle (left) stands with the Chairman of the BBC Trust, Lord Chris Patten, as he announces his resignation as director general on Saturday outside New Broadcasting House in central London, after recent news program problems.

LONDON — The BBC's top executive resigned Saturday night after the prestigious broadcaster's marquee news magazine wrongly implicated a British politician in a child sex-abuse scandal, plunging the network into further uncertainty amid a controversy that exploded after it decided not to air similar allegations against one of its own stars who police now say was one of nation's worst pedophiles.

In a brief statement outside BBC headquarters, Entwistle said he decided to do the "honorable thing" and step down after just eight weeks in the job.

"When appointed to the role, with 23 years' experience as a producer and leader at the BBC, I was confident the trustees had chosen the best candidate for the post, and the right person to tackle the challenges and opportunities ahead. However the wholly exceptional events of the past few weeks have led me to conclude that the BBC should appoint a new leader," he said.

It was a rapid about face for Entwistle, who earlier Saturday had insisted he had no plans to resign – despite growing questions about his leadership and the BBC's integrity in wake of the scandals.

John Whittingdale, chairman of the Britain's Commons Culture, Media and Sport Committee, said Entwistle had no choice but to go, as recent events had left the impression that the BBC's management has "lost their grip" of the organization.

"I think that what has happened in the last few days has immensely weakened his authority and credibility," Whittingdale said in response to the resignation. "It would have been very difficult for him to continue in those circumstances."

Entwistle assumed the mantle as head of the BBC just two months ago from Mark Thompson, who was appointed chief executive of The New York Times Co. in August and is due to take up the post next month.

Last month he was faced with his first crisis due to the growing scandal revolving around Jimmy Savile, the renowned BBC TV host who died last year and who is alleged to have sexually abused numerous young people.

In addition to the troubling possibility that Savile may have used his position – and BBC premises – to carry out assaults, the scandal further jolted BBC because its "Newsnight" investigative program, decided to shelve its own report into allegations against Savile.

That decision prompted deep soul-searching at the venerated broadcaster and assurances from Entwistle that he would get to the bottom of the decision.

But the furore was reignited when the same program aired a report on Nov. 2 about alleged sex abuse in Wales in the 1970s and 1980s. During the program, victim Steve Messham claimed he had been abused by a senior Conservative Party figure.

The BBC didn't name the alleged abuser, but online rumors focused on Alistair McAlpine, a Conservative Party member of the House of Lords. On Friday, he issued a fierce denial and threatened to sue.

Messham then said he had been mistaken about his abuser's identity and apologized to McAlpine, prompting fury over the BBC's decision to air the report, the suspension of investigative programs at "Newsnight" and mounting questions over Entwistle's leadership.

Enwistle had insisted he was not aware of the program before it was broadcast – saying in hindsight he wished the matter had been referred to him.

But that stand drew incredulity from politicians and media watchers wondering how he could have allowed a second botched handling of a high-profile child sex-abuse story so soon after the broadcaster was pitched into crisis over allegations against its late TV host Jimmy Savile.

The BBC Trust's chairman, Chris Patten, called Saturday "one of the saddest evenings of my public life" but praised Entwistle's "honor and courage" in tendering his resignation.

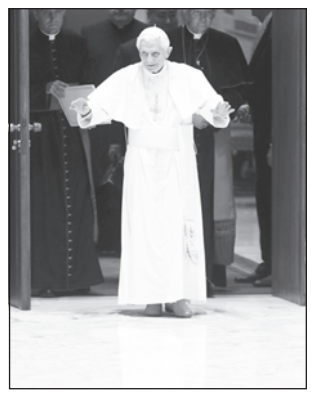
"At the heart of the BBC is its role as a trusted global news organisation, and as the Editor-in-Chief of this organisation, George has very honourably offered us his resignation because of the unacceptable mistakes and the unacceptable shoddy journalism which has caused so much controversy," Patten said.

British Culture Secretary Maria Miller welcomed the resignation, calling it "regrettable but the right decision."

"It is vital that credibility and public trust in this important national institution is restored. It is now crucial that the BBC puts the systems in place to ensure it can make first class news and current affairs programs," she said.

Vatican digs in after gay marriage advances

By NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press



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Pope Benedict XVI waves upon his arrival for a meeting with the "Santa Cecilia" association, at the Vatican on Saturday.

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican is digging in after gay marriage initiatives scored big wins this week in the U.S. and Europe, vowing to never stop insisting that marriage can only be between a man and a woman.

In a front-page article in Saturday's Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, the Holy See sought to frame itself as the lone voice of courage in opposing initiatives to give same-sex couples legal recognition. In a separate Vatican Radio editorial, the pope's spokesman asked sarcastically why gay marriage proponents don't now push for legal recognition for polygamous couples as well.

Catholic teaching holds that homosexuals should be respected and treated with dignity but that homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered." The Vatican also opposes same-sex marriage, insisting on the sanctity of marriage between a man and woman as the foundation for society.

The Vatican's anti-gay marriage media blitz came after three U.S. states approved same-sex marriage by popular vote in the election that returned Barack Obama to the U.S. presidency, Spain upheld its gay marriage law, and France pushed ahead with legislation that could see gay marriage legalized early next year.

"One might say the church, at least on this front, has been defeated," L'Osservatore Romano wrote. "But that's not the case."

The article insisted that Catholics were putting up a valiant fight to uphold church teaching in the face of "politically correct ideologies invading every culture of the world" that are backed by institutions like the United Nations, which last year passed a non-binding resolution condemning anti-gay discrimination.

"The church is called to present itself as the lone critic of modernity, the only check ... to the break-up of the anthropological structures on which human society was founded," it said.

Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi, for his part, said gays can have their rights protected by means other than through legal marital recognition. He stressed that children should have a right to say they have a father and a mother.

"If not, then why not contemplate freely chosen polygamy, and naturally so as to not discriminate, polyandry?" he asked sarcastically. Polyandry is when a woman has two or more husbands.

"As a result, don't expect the church to stop insisting that society recognizes a specific place for marriage between a man and woman," he said.

Stagnant U.S. exports to Cuba belie fair's optimism

By PETER ORSI
Associated Press

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In this picture taken Wednesday, people visit the Pepsi/Gatorade stand during the 30th Havana International Trade Fair, in Havana, Cuba.

HAVANA — Kellogg's. Gatorade. Hormel. Hunt.

Many of America's best-known brands were on display at a Havana exposition center this past week as representatives hawked some of the few U.S. products that can legally be exported to Cuba, thanks to an exception to the U.S. embargo allowing cash-up-front sales of food, agricultural goods and medicine.

But cold numbers belie the enthusiasm on the convention center floor. Cuban purchases of U.S. goods have plunged as the island increasingly turns to countries like China, Brazil, Vietnam and Venezuela, which offer cheaper deals, long-term credits and less hassle over payment and shipping.

"The pattern that we see is it's just continuing to either be lower each year, or if it does increase, it's just not a lot at all," said John Kavulich, senior policy adviser to the New York-based U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council. "No executives should be going to a travel agent and buying a ticket to go down to Havana thinking that there's going to be a change."

U.S. sales of food and agricultural commodities to the communist-run island began more than a decade ago with the Trade Sanctions Reform Act enacted in 2000 under President Clinton. Modest sales of $138 million the following year rose steadily to a peak of $710 million in 2008, according to statistics calculated by Kavulich's group.

The value of U.S. exports to Cuba has since plummeted to just over half that last year at $358 million. It was $250 million through the first six months of 2012, with no sign of improvement.

It's been a tenuous trade from the beginning, partly due to U.S. rules requiring cash payment before goods can even be shipped. Payments must be made through third-party banking systems that take a hefty cut of each transaction, besides the fees levied on multiple currency swaps. Shipping is complicated by U.S. embargo regulations. Moreover, the PR value of buying Made In America faded for Cuba as it became commonplace to see Coca-Cola in tourist hotels and Miller beer on store shelves.

So when a plunging global economy pulled Cuba down with it five years ago, Havana had every incentive to hunt for a better deal from friendly nations where government-run companies offer better terms and often won't complain publicly about rolling over late payments. Even private-sector companies in those countries may be more pliant, counting on guarantees by their governments.

"Cuba can still never beat the U.S. for many of the products – not all, but many," Kavulich said. "But when you add into the equation the lack of ability to directly have payment terms, the inability to use more efficient transportation systems between the two countries and the lack of political benefit, then the Cuban government will turn elsewhere."

As the fair opened this week, state-run food purchaser Alimport calculated it will spend $105 million more than necessary on U.S. imports due to unfavorable credit terms, currency exchanges and logistical losses in shipping.

"Since vessels from other countries that dock in Cuban ports must wait six months to go to the United States, the shippers charge high freights," Alimport vice president Eidel M. Mussi Velazquez said.

The company projected $440 million in U.S. purchases this year, well off the $960 million reported in 2008. The Cuban statistics don't compare directly to the Trade Council's since they apparently factor in the extra expenditures, but they trace the same depressed pattern.

By comparison, according to Cuban figures for 2010, the most recent year available, commercial trade with Venezuela nearly doubled from the previous year to a little over $6 billion. Chinese trade was still down from pre-crisis levels but trending upward to $1.9 billion in 2010.

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Fight against bridge may not be over

By COREY WILLIAMS
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DETROIT — Ambassador Bridge owner Manuel "Matty" Moroun has been jailed, paid thousands of dollars in court fines related to a Detroit freeway project and spent millions more to push a public referendum aimed at stopping a competing bridge.

Moroun failed to sway enough voters to back a ballot proposal this week that would have given Michigan residents say-so on whether state funds can be used to build new international border crossings.

But history has shown the oft-reclusive billionaire rarely backs down – even if the opponents are Michigan's top-elected official and the Canadian government.

"I think he's going to keep trying to fight," said Colby Spencer, a senior analyst with the East Lansing-based Anderson Economic Group.

Moroun is opposed to a government-planned bridge linking southwest Detroit to Windsor, Ontario. The new bridge would pose the stiffest competition to his Ambassador Bridge and potentially cost his empire billions of dollars in toll revenue.

Following Tuesday's defeat of Proposal 6, Gov. Rick Snyder and various Canadian elected leaders said they will move forward with construction of the $3.5 billion New International Trade Crossing bridge.

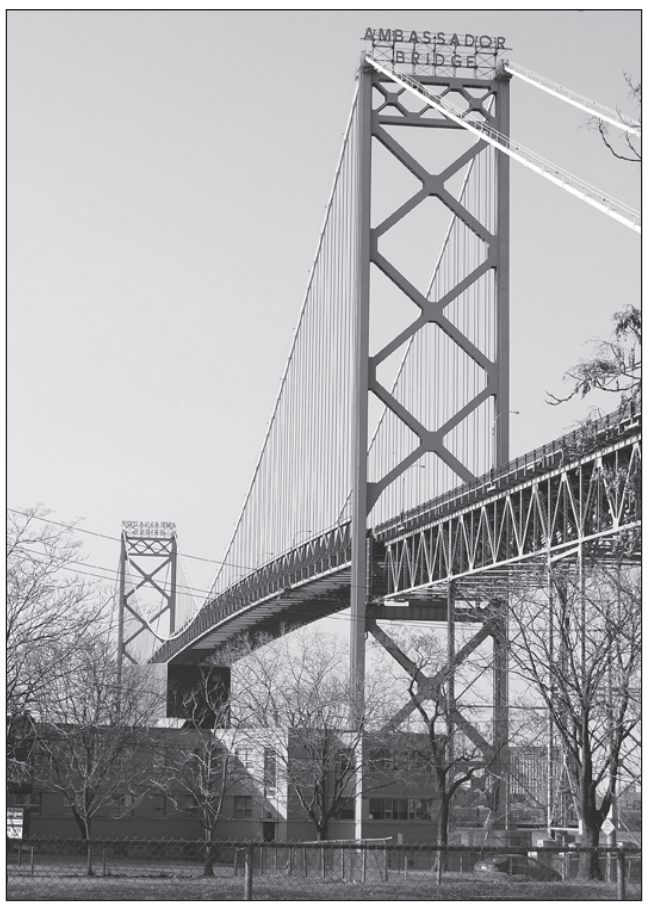
"For that family business, they don't want competition from any entity," said Spencer, part of an independent 2011 study looking at the construction of a new commuter bridge between Detroit and Canada. "They have invested a lot of money in it. Clearly they care about it and it's a major issue for them. I don't foresee they are going to stop."

The Ambassador Bridge's annual gross revenue is about $60 million, said Mickey Blashfield, Moroun's spokesman.

A competing bridge certainly would cut into toll profits enjoyed solely by Moroun for years.

"It's money that's going to drive their business decisions and why they have invested so much over the past year," Spencer said of Moroun's tenacity.

The bridge battle is an extension of Moroun's recent court tussles with Michigan's Department of Transportation that saw the 84-year-old jailed for two days earlier this year for violating a judge's order to complete work on a $230 million freeway to bridge project.



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The Ambassador Bridge, which links Detroit and Windsor, Ontario. Bridge owner Manuel "Matty" Moroun opposes efforts by the Michigan and Canadian governments to build another bridge.

Despite his wealth, Moroun also has resisted calls to demolish the Michigan Central Depot, a 17-story defunct train station seen by many as an example of the economic and civic failures of a blighted Detroit.

Blashfield said about $33 million was spent on advertising, court challenges and other efforts behind Proposal 6. But after it failed with voters, all eyes will be focused on the planned government bridge.

An interlocal deal on the government bridge was reached this year between Snyder and Canada. The agreement didn't require approval from Michigan lawmakers who balked at backing the bridge plan.

"The Ambassador Bridge is the least of NITC proponents' worries," Blashfield told The Associated Press. "The governor has to show how he unilaterally has any authority under the Michigan constitution to strike an interlocal agreement, and how the Michigan Department of Transportation and Michigan Strategic Fund have the ability to sign an international agreement when the legislature prohibited such action. Those are not contingent on (the Detroit International Bridge Co.) but rather on the credibility of the representations made."

The new span is expected to relieve congestion at the Ambassador Bridge and divert heavy truck traffic from Windsor neighborhoods.

The cost of building the bridge alone is estimated at about $950 million, according to the New International Trade Crossing website.

Canada has promised to take on Michigan's $550 million portion with revenue from future tolls paying off the debt.

Other costs include work on freeway interchanges, customs plazas in both countries and infrastructure work.

Moroun's camp has said his plan to twin the more than 80-year-old Ambassador Bridge would cost less to build and will be financed with private dollars. His Detroit International Bridge Co. still is waiting on permits from the U.S. Coast Guard and Canadian agencies to move forward with the project.

"If our trade with Canada is expected to grow, the traffic is going to increase. It would be nice to have two bridges," Spencer said. "It shouldn't be a competition."

But Blashfield said forecasts don't show traffic levels increasing to the point where two bridges will be needed.

Ambassador Bridge traffic peaked in 1998 at almost 13 million vehicles. About 4.5 million cars and 2.6 million trucks crossed in 2010.

"No investment-grade study has ever shown traffic levels will generate enough toll revenue to pay for the bridge, let alone to repay Michigan's $550 million loan from Canada," Blashfield said.

Heritage Guitar has international appeal

By KATHLEEN LAVEY
Lansing State Journal

KALAMAZOO — Back in the days when industry of all kinds began to flourish in Michigan, Gibson built a guitar factory in Kalamazoo.

The year was 1917. The factory at 225 Parsons St. was a "daylight" building, with large, high windows and a smokestack with the company's name set in white bricks.

Over the years, skilled crafters built thousands of instruments there: mandolins, banjos and guitars, including the venerated Les Paul solid-body electric guitar. They kept producing fine instruments even as the firm was sold to one out-of-state interest, then another.

But in 1974, Gibson built another plant in Nashville, Tenn. And in the fall of 1984, Gibson closed the Kalamazoo plant.

That might have been the end of the story about guitar production in Kalamazoo, except for a handful of dedicated craftsmen who simply didn't want to move south.

"I married here and built a place," said Marvin Lamb, a Gibson craftsman and plant supervisor. "I'd lived in Michigan and it became home."

James Deurloo, Gibson's plant manager, remembers sitting with former Gibson colleague Bruce Bolen on a boat in Lake Michigan and talking about the possibilities of opening a new guitar shop. He recalls taking notes on a restaurant placemat. Deurloo, Lamb, and a third partner, J.P. Moats, opened Heritage Guitar Inc. in April 1985.

"We didn't pick the easy thing to do, I'll tell you that," Deurloo said.

But at 73, he's proud of what they've accomplished.

"We've built a good company with a good name. We've built an instrument that people seek out," he said.

This year, Heritage Guitar's 20 full- and part-time employees are expected to produce about 1,000 electric guitars.

The firm sells 25 different guitars through a network of dealers in the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

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Heritage Guitar Inc. co-founders Marvin Lamb (left) and Jim Deurloo stand in part of the company's 1917-era guitar production facility in Kalamazoo. The two men and a third partner, J.P. Moats, all former longtime Gibson employees, started Heritage Guitars in 1985 after Gibson moved production to Nashville, Tenn.

Suggested retail prices of Heritage guitars range from $2,570 for the H-137 Second Edition to $8,960 for the Super Kenny Burrell, named for the Detroit-born jazz artist. Buyers can customize instruments as well.

Deurloo said about 70 percent of Heritage business is export; the company's guitars sell particularly well in Japan as well as Europe. Heritage has a booth at twice-yearly meetings of the National Association of Music Merchants where it introduces each year's product line.

S.J. "Frog" Forgey, leader of the longtime local band Frog and the Beeftones, also works at Elderly Instruments. He has a Heritage of his own, an H-535 with a sunburst pattern. He said many Heritage guitars are comparable to Gibson models, but sell for less; jazz models are most popular at Elderly.

"They're dandy guitars," he said. "For us, we do much better with their jazz boxes than anything else."

At the Heritage plant, a rack of prototype guitars occupies a corner of the conference room. There's no production line; the work of crafting a guitar is too slow and painstaking for that.

It takes about three months to make a single instrument: "Two if we're really in a hurry," Deurloo said. A number of guitars are in various steps of the process on any given day.

Slabs of mahogany wait in a far back corner of the plant for their turn to be shaped into solid guitar bodies. Sheets of tiger and curly maple are machine and hand-carved to create a convex surface on the finished instrument. Some jazz guitars are faced with sitka spruce instead.

"Each piece of wood has its own resonant frequency," Deurloo said.

A guitar-shaped steel stove is used to shape the strips of wood that form the outside edges of each guitar. The strips are soaked in water, laid on the form, heat-set into shape and dried.

It takes many more steps to finish fashioning the guitar body. Then necks, decorated with inlays, and headstocks, with the words "The Heritage," are added. The guitars are sanded and lacquered; lacquering alone takes days. Finally, electronics and strings are added and the instruments are ready to be shipped out.

Workbenches are covered with guitar parts and tools; squeeze bottles of thick, white glue have prominent spots on many of the benches. The adhesive is important to the quality of the finished guitar.

"You don't want to save any money on glue," Deurloo said.

In a room near the plant's front door, a row of brand-new guitars – red, black and shades of amber – wait, draped in old bedsheets, to be shipped to Florida, New Jersey, Germany and beyond, where waiting customers will open their cases and play.

"They seem to appreciate our efforts, and there is a lot of satisfaction in that," Deurloo said. "We're also happy to make a place for our employees to work."

IN BRIEF

Board to vote on Detroit police plan

DETROIT (AP) — Details of Mayor Dave Bing's plan to restructure Detroit's police department are expected to be presented next week to the city's Board of Police Commissioners.

The board postponed a vote Thursday on the plan which calls for adding two assistant police chiefs.

Board chair the Rev. Jerome Warfield met Friday with Bing and interim police chief Chester Logan and says commissioners will be prepared to make a decision on the plan. The board meets Thursday afternoons.

Last Thursday, Bing named an assistant chief for administration and an assistant chief for patrol and investigation. More than two dozen officers also will be promoted.

The changes come following last month's retirement by Chief Ralph Godbee after a female subordinate revealed the two had been in a sexual relationship.

The American View

Store Voting For The American View Posted on October 29, 2012 by Michael Anthony Peroutka. If you are a student of THE AMERICAN VIEW of law and government– if you have given effort to understanding the principles and precepts that undergird our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution–then you are aware that our federal and state governments have in many cases abandoned these principles. You are probably properly concerned, and perhaps anxious to do whatever you can to restore the Republic. It's natural for us to feel troubled, sometimes angry and maybe even frightened, especially when we see that the vast majority of those we keep electing to positions of "public trust" are people that we just can't trust at all. What should we do now that the elections are approaching? How Should we act? What should we know? What should we ask? What are we looking for? And finally, knowing what we know (and don't know), how should we then vote? Let's talk about it– What are we looking for? Whether we're talking about Dog Catcher, City or County Council, State House, or our national government, it seems to me that, just like the Marines, we are looking for a "few good men." Let's stare with the word "good." Although the people that wrote the commercial for the U.S. Marines probably don't know it, the word "good" derives from the word "God." To be good is to be Godly. A good man is one who appreciates and rehearses the attributes and characteristics of God. Now what do we want this good man to do? Simply put, we want him to obey his oath of office and to protect and defend the Constitutions of these United States and of his own State, against all enemies, foreign and domestic. What is required for him to do this? Well if he's going to obey his oath of office, I guess that , first, he needs to know what an oath is, right? It's a solemn promise before God, that invokes God's wrath if it is broken. Secondly, he needs to be very familiar with the content of the Constitutions he as sworn before Almighty God to uphold. If he has never read the Constitution, or cannot articulate the principles contained therein, then I guess he can't do the job... right? So, if our man is someone who understands his oath of office, then he fears God and believes that there is an eternal system of rewards and punishments that applies to him personally. I think we can assume that, if he does not se himself accountable to God for the truthfulness of his oath, then there is little hope that he will feel himself accountable to you or me once he is elected. In other words, if he doesn't fear consequences from God, he won't fear you or me. But he needs to show us more than just fear of The Eternal. He also must demonstrate that he understands the Biblical limitations on civil government, as well as the limitations placed on him by the State Constitution and the Constitution of these United States. Unhappily, few, if any, of the candidates who come to you asking for your vote–and your money–have even taken the time to read either of the documents that they are promising you, before Almighty God, that they will uphold. Moreover, assuming all is well with our candidate so far, one more thing is critically important. Our candidate must not only demonstrate that he knows that which is required of him, but he must also demonstrate that he will act on that which he knows. It won't do us any good electing someone who knows what to do but doesn't do it, whether out of fear of men (that is to say, "peer pressure") or out of a desire to be reelected, or whatever. This would be a vain thing, indeed. To summarize, my precious vote can only be spent on a candidate that: * Acknowledges and fears God * Demonstrates that he has an American (Biblical) view of law and government * Demonstrates that he will take actions that are driven by and in harmony with God's law and limitations of the Constitution. Here's the bottom line: I firmly believe that, if I cast my vote for someone who doesn't meet these requirements, I will stand before God and be judged for my failure to obey Him. To vote for someone who does not meet these criteria is to do a vain thing before God and men. The chaos and incompetence and corruption of our civil government in all three branches is a result of our failure to choose what Exodus 18:21 describes as "able men, such as fear God." When we choose "the lesser of two evils" we continually get evil and we certainly deserve it. After all, we chose it, didn't we? **Carl G. Oehling**

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stronger influence of single women. They vote differently from men and from women who are married. Fifty-four percent of single women call themselves Democrats; 36 percent of married women do.

With women marrying later and divorcing more, single women made up 23 percent of voters in the 2012 election, compared with 19 percent in 2000.

The changing electorate has huge implications for public policy and politics.

Suddenly, immigration overhaul seems a lot more important, for one thing.

Ask white voters about the proper role of government, for another, and 60 percent think it should do less. Ask Hispanics the same question, and 58 percent think the government should do more, as do 73 percent of blacks, exit polls show.

You can hear it in the voice of Alicia Perez, a 31-year-old immigration attorney who voted last week at a preschool in Ysleta, Texas.

"I trust the government to take care of us," she said. "I don't trust the Republican Party to take care of people."

Sure, the election's biggest issue, the economy, affects everyone. But the voters deciding who should tackle it were quite different from the makeup of the 1992 "It's the economy, stupid" race that elected Democrat Bill Clinton as president.

Look no further than the battleground states of Campaign 2012 for political ramifications flowing from the country's changing demographics.

New Western states have emerged as the Hispanic population there grows. In Nevada, for example, white voters made up 80 percent of the electorate in 2000; now they're at 64 percent. The share of Hispanics in the state electorate has grown to 19 percent; Obama won 70 percent of their votes.

Obama won most of the battlegrounds with a message that was more in sync than Romney's with minorities, women and younger voters, and by carefully targeting his grassroots mobilizing efforts to reach those groups.

In North Carolina, where Romney narrowly defeated Obama, 42 percent of black voters said they had been contacted on behalf of Obama, compared with just 26 percent of whites, exit polls showed. Obama got just 31 percent of the state's white vote, but managed to keep it competitive by claiming 96 percent of black voters and 68 percent of Hispanics.

Young voters in the state, two-thirds of whom backed Obama, also were more often the target of Obama's campaign than Romney's: 35 percent said they were contacted by Obama, 11 percent by Romney. Among senior citizens, two-thirds of whom voted Republican, 33 percent were contacted by Obama, 34 percent by Romney.

Howard University sociologist Roderick Harrison, former chief of racial statistics at the Census Bureau, said Obama's campaign strategists proved themselves to be "excellent demographers."

"They have put together a coalition of populations that will eventually become the majority or are marching toward majority status in the population, and populations without whom it will be very difficult to win national elections and some statewide elections, particularly in states with large black and Hispanic populations," Harrison said.

One way to see the trend is to look at the diversity of young voters. Among voters under 30 years old this year, only 58 percent are white. Among senior voters, 87 percent are white.

Brookings Institution demographer William H. Frey says policymakers and politicians need to prepare for a growing "cultural generation gap."

"Both parties are getting the message that this is a new age and a new America," says Frey. "Finally, the politics is catching up with the demography."

Just as Republicans need to do a better job of attracting Hispanics, says Frey, Democrats need to do more to reach out to whites.

The face of Congress is changing more slowly than the electorate or the population, but changing it is.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California was happy to highlight the news that for the first time in history, more than half the members of her caucus next year will be women, black, Hispanic or Asian. She said it "reflects the great diversity and strength of our nation."

House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, whose caucus is far more white and male, said Republicans need to learn to "speak to all Americans – you know, not just to people who look like us and act like us."

Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, one of the GOP's most prominent black women, said the party needs to understand that "the changing demographics in the country really necessitate an even bigger tent for the Republican Party."

"Clearly we are losing important segments of that electorate and what we have to do is to appeal to those people not as identity groups but understanding that if you can get the identity issue out of the way, then you can appeal on the broader issues that all Americans share a concern for," she said.

All sides know the demographic trends are sure to become more pronounced in the future.

In the past year, minority babies outnumbered white newborns for the first time in U.S. history. By midcentury, Hispanics, blacks, Asians and multiracial people combined will become the majority of the U.S.

Since 2000, the Hispanic and Asian populations have grown by more than 40 percent, fueled by increased immigration of younger people as well as more births.

Currently, Hispanics are the largest minority group and make up 17 percent of the U.S. population, compared with 12 percent for blacks and 5 percent for Asians. Together minorities now make up more than 36 percent of the population.

Hispanics will make up roughly 30 percent of the U.S. by midcentury, while the African-American share is expected to remain unchanged at 12 percent. Asian-Americans will grow to roughly 8 percent of the U.S.

"The minorities will vote," said demographer Frey. "The question is will their vote be split more across the two parties than it was this time?"

For both Republicans and Democrats, he said, the 2012 election is a wake-up call that will echo through the decades.

A look at the changing makeup of the U.S. electorate

A look at how much various demographic groups' share of the vote has changed since 2000, the year Republican George W. Bush defeated Democrat Al Gore, who narrowly carried the popular vote but lost the Electoral College:

		2000	2012
Hispanics 17% of U.S. population	Share of the vote	7 percent	10 percent (+3)
	How they voted	Gore: 62 percent Bush: 35 percent	Obama: 71 percent Romney: 27 percent
Blacks 12% of U.S. population	Share of the vote	10 percent	13 percent (+3)
	How they voted	Gore: 90 percent Bush: 9 percent	Obama: 93 percent Romney: 6 percent
Whites 63% of U.S. population	Share of the vote	81 percent	72 percent (-9)
	How they voted	Gore: 42 percent Bush: 54 percent	Obama: 39 percent Romney: 59 percent
Single women 26% of U.S. population age 15 and older	Share of the vote	19 percent	23 percent (+4)
	How they voted	Gore: 63 percent Bush: 33 percent	Obama: 67 percent Romney: 31 percent
Married women 25% of U.S. population age 15 and older	Share of the vote	33 percent	31 percent (-2)
	How they voted	Gore: 48 percent Bush: 49 percent	Obama: 46 percent Romney: 53 percent
White men 31% of U.S. population	Share of the vote	38 percent	34 percent (-4)
	How they voted	Gore: 36 percent Bush: 60 percent	Obama: 35 percent Romney: 62 percent

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau 2011 statistics; exit polls conducted for The Associated Press

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Voters cast their ballots Tuesday in the Weston Ranch area of Stockton, Calif. The 2012 elections drove home trends that have been embedded in the fine print of birth and death rates, immigration statistics and census charts for years. America is rapidly getting more diverse. And, more gradually, so is its electorate.

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> **WILLIAM H. FREY**
> Demographer with the Brookings Institution

12-year-old boy wrecks family car during joy ride

GRAND HAVEN TOWNSHIP (AP) — A 12-year-old western Michigan boy suffered minor injuries after rolling over the family car while driving to visit his mother at work.

As police received reports of a motorist driving erratically, the boy struck a telephone pole, a tree and rolled over in a Grand Haven Township yard.

"The people who were following him said he was speeding and he never hit the brakes whatsoever," resident Diana Currier told MLive.com for a story Saturday.

Currier was in her home Friday afternoon when she heard the crash.

"I just couldn't believe it when I heard it was a 12-year-old boy," she said. "There wasn't one spot on the car that wasn't dented or caved in."

The boy was wearing a seatbelt. He was released Friday evening from an area hospital.

He was home alone from a half-day at school when he decided to drive to take a joy ride to a restaurant where his mother worked, the boy's 15-year-old sister told MLive.com.

"Nobody ever let him borrow the car. He's not capable of driving a car," his older sibling said. "I don't think he'll want to drive soon."

The ride lasted less than three miles.

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chance" of an Obama victory, but missed Florida, giving it to Republican Mitt Romney. For the record, Wang notes that he beat Silver at accurate Senate race predictions.

Computers soon should be able to tell health officials where the next food poisoning outbreak will spread, a U.S. government lab predicts.

Tom Mitchell, head of the Machine Learning Department at Carnegie Mellon University, called computer model predictions based on historical evidence "one of more positive trends we're going to see this century. ... We're just beginning."

Take a look at baseball, where Silver got his start as a stats geek. The Oakland A's, a team that famously uses computer statistics in selecting players, surprised everyone by getting into the playoffs despite one of the lowest payrolls in baseball.

Computer modeling tells the government what happens when a nuclear bomb explodes, helped Goodyear make a better tire and helped the makers of Pringles figure out how to keep the potato crisps from breaking in the can, said Bill Tang, program director for the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory simulation program.

Every time you swipe a credit card, a computer is using predictive models based on past evidence to determine if it's really you or if it is fraud, Mitchell added.

For about 40 years, climate scientists have used computer models to predict what global warming will look like with dead-on accuracy, said climate computer modeler Andrew Weaver of the University of Victoria in British Columbia.

For computer models to make predictions, three things are needed: computer power, mathematical formulas designed to mirror real world cause-and-effects and current conditions converted into numbers that can be used in formulas.

Experts input the data of current conditions into the formulas that say if X and Y happen, then it will produce Z. Then the computers run those what-if simulations over and over again, with slight variations changing the end results. These scenarios are run tens of thousands of times, giving a whole range of outcomes.

The key is seeing what happens most often and why. It's not a dead-on prediction, but breaks down the future into probabilities.

"It's essentially solving equations that are too extensive to solve with pencil and paper," Weaver explained.

> **It doesn't mean we're going to solve world peace with a computer. It doesn't mean we're going to be able predict earthquakes ... but we can chip away at the margins.**
>
> **NATE SILVER**
> Computer modeling expert

It all comes down to collecting data, crunching it and spitting out probabilities. It's evidence turned into numbers. It's math.

Experts believe it's the future.

Silver said what he did with the election was nothing compared with what meteorologists did with Sandy, which was a matter of "real life-and-death consequences."

The National Weather Service forecast an extremely rare due-west turn by the storm into southern New Jersey, he said. "It's astounding. That's a huge win for computer modeling."

Silver's bold predictions that Obama would win upset some political pundits who predicted a Romney victory, based on what they perceived as momentum, the enthusiasm of crowds, gut instinct and partisanship.

But Silver was right, besting his 2008 record of getting 49 of 50 states right for president.

"This is a victory for the stuff (computer modeling) in politics," he said Thursday in a telephone interview. "It doesn't mean we're going to solve world peace with a computer. It doesn't mean we're going to be able predict earthquakes ... but we can chip away at the margins."

One of the next fields Silver said he'd like to get into is education because he feels that all the data being generated "is not being used in the best way."

"I hope that people focus not on me personally, but what I'm trying to do," Silver said.

What he and his colleagues are trying to do is take a chaotic world and make sense of it, turn events into equations to be solved.

More than anything statistics are tools for understanding, like a wrench for an auto mechanic, said Bill James, the godfather of modern baseball statistics and a colleague of Silver's.

James said in an email that contemplating what will happen in the future is something that "we all do every day, without really thinking about it. It is a necessary and relevant process. Thus, it is something that is worthy of our best analytical efforts."

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affected by black mold, "She'd been worked up at several places, including Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic and U of M, and at 2 in the morning she decided she wanted an answer from us," Nolan said in an interview at Lakeland's Emergency Department.

"She'd spent between $70,000 and $90,000 looking for someone to agree with her. We couldn't find anything wrong with her."

Nolan said some people have unrealistic expectations of what the ER can do, and the Internet can feed into that.

"People come up with some very interesting theories and come in and say, 'I need a whole body MRI.' These are generally smart people. It's usually people with more education who use the Internet," he said.

"The ER is meant for emergent situations that will threaten or change someone's life within 24 hours, but long work-ups for non-emergent things require a specialist. When somebody comes in and tells me their whole body tingles, I don't have a whole-body tingle test."

Nolan and Dr. Barbara Carlson, a family physician at Southwestern Medical Clinic in Royalton Township, said it's far more common for people to overestimate the seriousness of their symptoms than to underestimate them.

"It's easy to talk somebody into being ill and harder to talk them out of it if they're not," Carlson said. "If someone really does have an illness, they'll believe it sooner than they'll believe that they're not seriously ill, if they've already come to that conclusion."

Nolan agreed. He said it's not likely that someone researching symptoms on a medical website will fail to seek treatment for a serious condition.

"People don't usually downgrade or underestimate what's wrong. It's more likely to be the other way. If someone has gone to the Internet, they're most likely concerned. If someone is going to blow off their symptoms, they're going to self-rationalize and not likely go on the Internet about it."

Carlson and Nolan said they like their patients to be educated and informed and they think the medical websites can serve that purpose.

"People come in regularly and tell me what they found on the Internet," Carlson said. "Initially people were believing everything they read. Now they're much more savvy. They want to know the right questions to ask, and that's actually very helpful."

She said sometimes people are on the right track with a diagnosis, and sometimes they're not.

"But at least they're trying to inform themselves. It doesn't bother me at all. It's a jumping-off point for me. But you have to backtrack from the information they've come in with. Sometimes I'm a little amused by their conclusions."

Cyberchondriacs

Carlson said that when people go on the Internet with symptoms they're having, their search can take any number of paths.

"Sometimes that's cancer or heart disease, and they come in worried. If I come up with something that's much more benign, if their worry level is high enough it's hard to convince them (that they're not seriously ill), even if evaluation and testing comes out negative."

Carlson said that when people see a doctor, they're looking for peace of mind.

"I like people to leave more peaceful than they come in. Occasionally I have to do an extra work-up to address their concerns. I might find one thing, and they're still worried that they have a different thing they read about."

Carlson said a benefit to visiting medical websites is that it can remind people to have important routine tests.

"There are occasions when we catch something because of something someone read on the Internet. People are busy and some have skipped screenings, in particular mammograms and colonoscopies. They might read about something and realize they should be doing this. If it spurs them into good behavior, that's good," Carlson said.

When it's a problem

Nolan said that in the hospital Emergency Department, self-diagnosing from the Internet can be more problematic.

"To self-diagnose can lead people on some bizarre tangents. Once someone has become convinced that they have something, it's difficult to convince them that they don't. This leads to unnecessary tests that could be harmful."

Nolan said some people leave the hospital mad that "the ER did nothing for me" when there wasn't anything that needed to be done. Others, rather than leaving, demand unnecessary tests.

"It's good to advocate for yourself, but you need to temper it. That's a fine line. We run an enormous number of tests (from the ER) that are not strongly warranted," Nolan said.

He said that about 40-50 percent of the tests run from the Emergency Department are "for defensive purposes, protecting ourselves." He said many of those tests are demanded by patients.

"I don't want to discourage people from using the Internet and being informed. But I'm not in favor of using the Internet to diagnose based on symptoms. It's too easy to fall into a trap. If you type in cough, depending what link you follow, you might get flu or you might get anthrax."

He said costs incurred by people who diagnose themselves and spend a lot of money trying to find a doctor to concur with their diagnosis hurt everyone.

"It's not extremely common that we find somebody who is hell-bent on their (self-) diagnosis, but it does happen. We do have people come in with their briefcase full of information. We as a society pay for it. Insurance premiums go up, or if the person is on government assistance that's people's tax dollars. Nothing in health care occurs in a vacuum. Billions of dollars are spent on unnecessary tests. The cost of defensive medicine is astronomical," Nolan said.

The Institute of Medicine in Washington, D.C., estimated in a 2009 study that the United States spent $210 billion in one year in unnecessary medical services. A just published American College of Physicians policy paper in the Annals of Internal Medicine put the figure considerably higher – up to $765 billion, which accounts for around 30 percent of U.S. health care costs.

One part of overall health care – medical tests – was the focus of a 2011 study that found that the annual price tag for 12 commonly overused tests, such as annual electrocardiograms for heart disease and imaging tests for lower-back pain, was about $6.8 billion.

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Medical websites you can trust

Dr. Barbara Carlson, family physician at Southwestern Medical Clinic, recommends the following as good, reliable websites for information about medical conditions:

- ▶ WebMd
- ▶ Mayoclinic.com
- ▶ familydoctor.org (produced by the American Academy of Family Physicians)
- ▶ aaos.org (official site of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons)
- ▶ kidshealth.org

Carlson and other doctors say the Internet can be a great source of information for people wanting to learn more about a medical condition.

Area doctors, however, caution patients against trying to diagnose their own illnesses. Dr. Robert Nolan, director of emergency medicine at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph, said he frowns on symptom-based diagnoses using the Internet because the websites can take people down too many different paths and cause confusion, or worse.

Nolan and Carlson said that once a person is convinced that he or she has a particular illness or injury, it's tough to convince them that they don't. That sometimes leads to a patient demanding expensive, unnecessary and sometimes harmful tests.

"There are occasions when we catch something because of something someone read on the Internet. People are busy and some have skipped screenings, in particular mammograms and colonoscopies. They might read about something and realize they should be doing this. If it spurs them into good behavior, that's good."

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Do you remember?

25 years ago

St. Joseph High School Assistant Principal Thomas J. Miller was appointed as the new principal at the high school by the school board Monday night. The board accepted Superintendent Fred Richardson's recommendation that Miller be promoted to the top spot, replacing Roderick Place, who is retiring Dec. 31 after serving as principal for 9½ years.

35 years ago

A Lake Michigan College electronics professor has turned theory into practical application and is ready to go into the business of manufacturing a time-saving device that may well be a boon to the more than 3 million school teachers in America. The instrument invented and recently patented by John L. Brittan, associate professor of electronics, is called a digital academic grade averager. It does easily and almost instantaneously what teachers all over the U.S. have done laboriously for the past 200 years. The device quickly averages out student grades electronically and flashes an answer on a miniature screen both in decimal terms and in terms of the appropriate letter grade.

50 years ago

Twin City entrants captured more than their share of the laurels in the annual World Service Swim at the Benton Harbor YMCA Saturday. Benton Harbor-St. Joseph takers were victorious in 21 of the divisions. Bob VanAntwerp of Benton Harbor won four events in the 11 and 12 age group – 80-yard individual medley, 40-yard free style, 100-yard free style and 40-yard breast stroke.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Nov. 11, the 316th day of 2012. There are 50 days left in the year. This is Veterans Day in the U.S., Remembrance Day in Canada.

Highlight in history:

On Nov. 11, 1918, fighting in World War I came to an end with the signing of an armistice between the Allies and Germany.

On this date:

In 1620, 41 Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower, anchored off Massachusetts, signed a compact calling for a "body politick."

In 1831, former slave Nat Turner, who'd led a violent insurrection, was executed in Jerusalem, Va.

In 1889, Washington became the 42nd state.

In 1909, President William Howard Taft accepted the recommendation of a joint Army-Navy board that Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands be made the principal U.S. naval station in the Pacific.

In 1921, the remains of an unidentified American service member were interred in a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in a ceremony presided over by President Warren G. Harding.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly Cloudy	Showers Likely	Rain/Snow	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
66º	41º	43º / 33º	38º / 30º	45º / 34º	47º / 37º

Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 66º, humidity of 52%. South wind 20 to 25 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an 80% chance of showers, overnight low of 41º. South wind 20 to 25 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise . . . . . 7:31 a.m.
Sunset . . . . . 5:28 p.m.
Moonrise . . . . . 4:43 a.m.
Moonset . . . . . 3:53 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
11/13	11/20	11/28	12/6

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor yesterday

Temperature

High 65º
Low 53º
Normal High 49º
Normal Low 34º
Record High . . . . . 71º in 1999
Record Low . . . . . 15º in 1991

Precipitation

Yesterday . . . . . 0.00"
Month to date . . . . . 0.01"
Normal month to date . . . 1.08"
Year to date . . . . . 25.70"
Normal year to date . . . . 32.11"

Air Quality

Yesterday 44
Main Offender . . . . Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

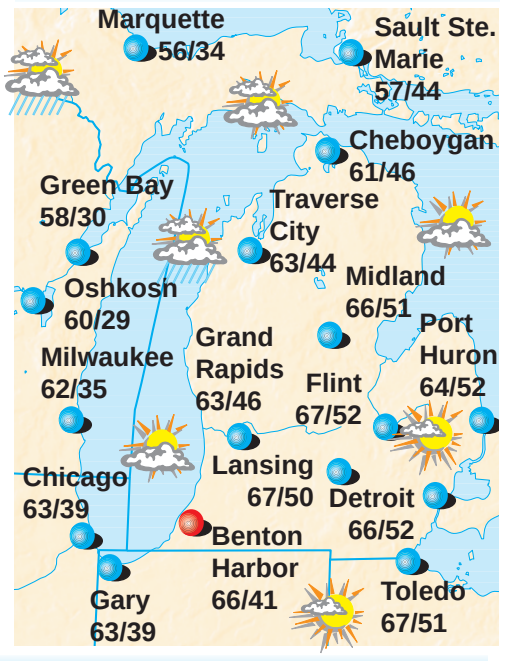
0-50 . . . . . Good
51-100 . Moderate
101-150 Sensitive
101-150 Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What is a sudden, heavy shower called?

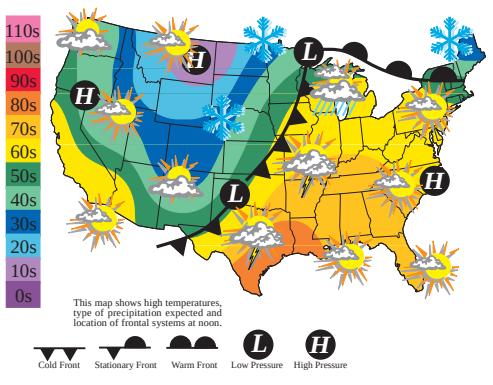
Answer: A gullywasher.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for Nov. 11, 2012



Lake Michigan

South gales to 35 kt today. Chance of showers and slight chance of thunderstorms, mainly in the later afternoon. Waves 6 to 9 ft occasionally to 13 ft building to 8 to 11 ft occasionally to 16 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today we will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered showers. Monday, skies will remain partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated snow.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy. Skies will be partly cloudy to cloudy Monday scattered rain and snow. Expect partly cloudy skies Tuesday.

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Getting her due

Pioneer World War II pilot to speak in SW Michigan

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Bernice "Bee" Falk Haydu (left) watches as President Barack Obama signs a bill in 2009 awarding the Congressional Gold Medal for World War II WASPs, women who flew planes for the war effort. Haydu is making a series of speeches, starting today, in Southwest Michigan.

By DEBRA HAIGHT
H-P Correspondent

BUCHANAN — Bernice "Bee" Falk Haydu has seen a lot during her lifetime.

She served her country as a WASP during World War II, she had her own aviation business after the war, she fought for recognition and rights for herself and other WASP pilots in the 1970s, and she even survived Hurricane Sandy at her home in New Jersey.

Haydu is the guest speaker next week at Veterans Day observances in Buchanan and St. Joseph. She speaks today at the Veterans Day observance at 11 a.m. at the Buchanan American Legion, at 7 p.m. Monday at Michigan Lutheran High School in Royalton Township and then twice Tuesday – at 9 a.m. to students and 7 p.m. to the public at Buchanan High School.

People can also have her sign copies of her book, "Letters Home 1944-1945," the book she compiled from the letters her mother saved when she was a WASP and her own memories of those days.

Her goal in her book and in speeches is to let people know what women like her did.

"I want them to know what the women did," she said. "Many people don't realize what we did, they don't know that there were women pilots. My message is that we did exist."

Haydu spoke with The Herald-Palladium from her home in Florham Park, N.J. She remains active at 91, works out at the gym and gives speeches at least 30 times a year around the country.

She said she got into aviation after taking an aviation class and then taking flying lessons.

"I was a Depression kid, and there wasn't enough money for both me and my older brother to go to college," she said. "I took business courses and went to work. I was always sorry I didn't go to college, and I told myself to stop feeling sorry for myself and do something.

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LEFT: Bernice Falk Haydu said an aviation class in her native New Jersey was the spark that led her to become a pilot. She is seen on a Stearman, two-winged airplane during World War II.

RIGHT: Bernice Falk Haydu will sign copies of her book, "Letters Home 1944-1945," during her stops today and Monday in Southwest Michigan.

"I took an aviation course in the evening at the Newark College of Engineering and then took flying lessons on the weekend.

"The first time I went up, I was hooked."

When Haydu heard about the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) program, she thought she'd try it. The year was 1944 and the program had already been going for more than a year.

"There were recruiters in New Jersey, and five of us signed up," she said. "We were an experiment for the military. They didn't know if we could handle military life or the planes.

"We did the grunt work. We'd take planes up, fly them a certain way at certain times, check them out before repairs. ... For every combat pilot, they needed 12 service pilots. Everyone wanted to do something for the war effort. I was working in a zipper factory at the time."

As she and the other WASP pilots proved, they could do the job whether it involved testing planes and checking them after repairs, ferrying planes from location to location or other missions. All were jobs they did despite not being considered part of the military and not given any benefits.

Thirty-eight out of the 1,074 women who graduated from the WASP program were killed, and they received no military funeral, and their families received no benefits or a star to put in their window," she said. "There were cases when planes went down with both men and women on board, the men received military funerals and the women received nothing."

Haydu saw that difference and witnessed the backlash against the WASP program, which led to the program being disbanded at the end of 1944 right before they were to be accepted into the military as part of the Army Air Corps.

With a call in late 1944 for more infantry, there was less need for pilots, and the male pilots wanted to save their jobs by pushing out the women.

"They said the women were nothing but million-dollar glamour girls," she said. "There was a campaign against us being part of the Army Air Corps."

Haydu was able to correct at least part of that wrong in the 1970s when she became president of the Order of Fifinella, the WASP organization, and fought successfully to have WASP members declared to be veterans of World War II.

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Reading, writing & recycling

St. Joseph teacher shares lessons learned from recycling effort

By JOHN MATUSZAK
H-P Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — When it comes to recycling, knowledge might be the most valuable renewable resource.

That knowledge was on tap last week at "Recycling 101," an event sponsored by Michigan's Great Southwest Sustainable Business Forum and held at the Berrien RESA building in Berrien Springs.

Mary Ann Milletics, an Advanced Placement biology teacher at St. Joseph High School who is spearheading the school's recycling efforts, provided some do's and don'ts for institutions and businesses looking to ramp up their own recycling.

"It's a hard process, but it's worth it," said Milletics who, with her students and with the assistance of Berrien County and Becky Kliss at Green Connections, conducted a waste audit in February that uncovered mounds of recyclable material that was being thrown away.

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Two St. Joseph High School students playfully donned hazmats suits to sort through bags of trash in search of recycables as part of the school's waste audit in February.

The audit concluded that half of what was being discarded in the school's cafeteria, including paper, plastics and metal cans, could be recycled. That amounted to almost 280,000 pounds of waste a year, or 96 pounds per student.

A lot of food was also being wasted, said Annie Sawyer, a St. Joseph High junior who helped sort through hundreds of bags of trash. The students found that 6.25 gallons of milk, the equivalent of 100 half-pint cartons, were being thrown away every day.

The students also found six bags of foam trays were going to landfills every day. The high school, as a result of this discovery, has switched to reusable plastic trays.

For six years Milletics has collected recyclable paper in her classroom and hauled plastics to a recycling site on weekends.

Now the entire school is getting in on the act. There are bins in classrooms, hallways, at the pool, the athletic field house and the stadium.

"The kids can't turn a corner without seeing a recycling bin next to a trash bin," Milletics said. Making it convenient is a key to a successful program, she said. "If it's not next to a trash bin, they're not going to go out of their way to find it."

In addition to diverting material from landfills, Milletics reasoned that the district could save money on its trash hauling by reducing the amount of waste.

She praised the district's business manager, John Ruddell, for securing bids for district-wide hauling that benefits the recycling project.

Milletics has received five grants from Berrien County to support recycling, the last four written by students.

They are planning another waste audit in December to weigh the impact of their efforts.

Milletics advised getting as many people as possible on board when starting a recycling program. "You can't do it yourself. You will run into road blocks."

At St. Joseph High, the cafeteria staff voluntarily wash out metal cans, and the custodial staff alerts Milletics when bins are almost full.

Checking the school menu might be a good idea before scheduling your waste audit, she said. "Stay away from pasta salad day."

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Another heaping helping for health department

Dr. J gives board 4x4 health quiz

By JOHN MATUSZAK
H-P Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Sometimes, when you're fighting obesity, extra helpings can be a good thing.

The Berrien County Health Department, part of a recently formed coalition called Be Healthy Berrien, learned that it will receive an additional $20,000 to implement Gov. Rick Snyder's 4x4 wellness plan.

The organization, which includes Lakeland HealthCare, United Way of Southwest Michigan, the YMCA and the Southwest Michigan Regional Planning Commission, earlier this fall was awarded a $120,000 grant, one of six provided statewide. Their grant request had been for $170,000.

Nicole Britten, director of community health planning, reported to the Board of Health Wednesday that additional funds had become available and were allocated to the 4x4 partners. The state is spending $18 million on the first year of the five-year program.

Snyder and health professionals are pushing residents to get fit through the 4x4 program that promotes wellness through diet, exercise, annual physical exams and avoiding tobacco.

The effort encourages residents to pay attention to four major health indicators – cholesterol, body mass index, blood pressure and blood sugar.

Be Healthy Berrien will use the additional funds to promote increased use of parks and trails in Niles and southern Berrien County, Britten said.

The initial grant award has been earmarked to make fresh fruit and vegetables more available and affordable for low-income residents at farmers markets and with a mobile market truck, among other activities. A coordinator has been

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Donated items sought for Operation Christmas Child

By DEBRA HAIGHT
H-P Correspondent

NILES — The collection drive for Operation Christmas Child shifts into high gear Monday at the Niles Seventh-day Adventist School.

This is the 16th year the school has served as the collection point for Southwest Michigan and northern Indiana.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse ministry and has distributed millions of gift-filled shoeboxes to children around the world over the last two decades. More than 9 million boxes are expected to be collected this year.

In this area, the goal is 24,000 shoeboxes.

People interested in filling a box are asked to choose items for either a boy or a girl and include items such as school supplies, toys, hygiene items, small books and Bible tracts as well as personal notes to the kids.

Michigan drop-off locations besides the Niles school are the First United Methodist Church in Dowagiac and Oakridge Baptist Church in St. Joseph. People can find the nearest drop-off location to them at the www.samaritanspurse.org/occ website and putting in their zip code.

The collection drive at the Niles school starts Monday and runs through Nov. 19. Collection times at Niles are 8-11 a.m. Monday, 12-2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 1-3 p.m. Friday, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, 1-6 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 19. The school is at 110 N. Fairview Avenue off of Grant Street (Niles-Buchanan Road).

Families sought for free computers

By H-P STAFF

BENTON HARBOR — Bridges to Digital Excellence, a nonprofit electronics recycler, is giving away 100 free desktop computers to local families. The program's application deadline has been extended to Nov. 30.

As part of BDE's Computers in the Home program, BDE has donated more than 2,800 computers to school-age children and their families, according to a press release from the nonprofit. This year BDE is expanding the program to include a holiday giveaway to any community member in the Michiana area.

"BDE has grown from a program to give students equal access to technology to a huge program providing transitional work jobs for folks that may otherwise be unemployed and IT Support for other nonprofits around the community," said Doug Chapman, the business development director for BDE.

Applications can be picked up between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday at BDE's E-thrift store at 155 W. Main St. in Benton Harbor.

Those interested in applying should fill out the application and return it to the store along with proof of income, a notice of whether the family receives assistance, proof of residency and a letter stating how the computer will help the family. For more information, visit BDE's website at pointclickachieve.org.

Businesses, churches or nonprofits that know of a family who could use a computer can send a letter on official letterhead with the name of the family – including the names and ages of the children in the home – verification of financial need, a contact name and phone number for the person who will pick up the computer if chosen and a statement of how the computer would help the family.

Contributed photo

Bernice Falk Haydu (second from right) holds the Congressional Gold Medal she earned as a Women Air Service Pilot during World War II. Congress issued the award to the WASPs in 2009.

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Berrien County cares

St. Joseph's efforts have been supported by Jill Adams, Berrien County's environmental specialist.

The county provides grants for up to $1,500 to schools for recycling consultations, collection bins and educational material, Adams said.

Her office has awarded about 100 grants since 2004, Adams said.

The office further offers Earth Flag awards for student recognition, and an annual Natural Resources Day field trip for fifth-graders at the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds in April.

Adams' latest client is Natalie Macerata, a fifth-grade teacher at Coloma Middle School who met Adams at last spring's Natural Resources Day and later secured a grant for her district's recycling project.

Macerata, reached at her school, said she has been trying to get a recycling program going in the district for three or four years, but the financial resources weren't available.

An avid recycler at home, Macerata watched every day as two huge containers of trash are hauled to the Dumpster outside her classroom window. She knew that much of that could be recycled.

But the real push came from the students, she said. At a school assembly, 75 percent said their families recycle at home, and they wanted to know why the school wasn't making this effort.

"The kids are really the voice that started this," Macerata said, adding that educating students to be good stewards of the environment is the key to the future. "They learn a lot of things in school. Why not learn about recycling?"

Throwing money away

Roger Cargill of Schupan Recycling, based in Kalamazoo, told those attending the forum that his company offers the "Act Like U Care" school competition for collecting the most plastic bottles per student.

Mattawan High School has been the winner two years in a row, receiving a free year of recycling services from Schupan. John Fairchild, a special education teacher, started the school's recycling program as a way to provide work experience for his students inside the building.

Michigan is way behind other Great Lakes states in its recycling efforts, collecting less than 20 percent of reusable material, Cargill said, with some reports putting the total as low as 6 percent.

That compares to Minnesota, which collects 43 percent of its recyclables. Indiana picks up 33 percent and Illinois collects and recycles 43 percent.

As a result, Michigan is throwing away $435 million in resources every year, Cargill said.

For information about Green Connections, contact Becky Kliss at 849-6226 or visit www.greenconnectioninc.com. For information about Berrien County programs, contact Jill Adams at jadams@berriencounty.org or 983-7111 Ext. 8234.

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The organization later became Women Military Aviators. Fifinella was the good luck lady gremlin designed for them by Walt Disney.

She spent her time in the WASP program at Pecos Army Airfield in Pecos, Texas, and got the chance to meet and know aviation pioneers like Jacqueline Cochran. Cochran won many awards and races over her aviation career and was a contemporary of Amelia Earhart.

"She started the WASP program and getting us trained," she said. "I copiloted with her once. I liked her, although not everyone did. ... She was a friend of Amelia Earhart's and a better pilot than her. She claimed to have had a mental telepathy link with Earhart and thought she had gone down. She had lost that connection."

After the war, Haydu soon realized people weren't hiring women and that she'd have to do something on her own if she wanted to stay in aviation. She got her instructor rating so she could give lessons and also did freelance ferrying of aircraft. She then started a ferrying business with others and also had a flight school and a Cessna dealership.

She married Joseph Haydu, a World War II flight instructor, in 1951 and they had three children. Although she didn't go back to work, she and her husband continued to fly until they were in their 70s. Her honors have included induction into the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame and her uniform being in the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum.

Her efforts on behalf of women pilots didn't stop with the recognition in 1977. She was there in 2009 when President Barack Obama signed the bill awarding them the Congressional Gold Medal, which she and the other WASP members received a year later.

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hired to oversee these efforts.

4x4x4

Dr. Rick Johansen, medical director of the Berrien County Health Department, decided to ramp up the wellness quotient of the Board of Health with a quiz.

Test your own health knowledge in these categories:

Number 1's:

Q: What is the No. 1 chronic communicable disease reported to the Berrien County Health Department?

A: Hepatitis C.

Q: What is the No. 1 relative risk factor for mortality?

A: Smoking.

Q: What is the No. 1 prevention activity for improving public health?

A: Immunizations.

Q: What is the No. 1 abused substance?

A: Alcohol.

Pediatrics

Q: What is the No. 1 source of childhood lead poisoning?

A: Paint.

Q: What is the No. 1 cause of death in children worldwide?

A: Diarrhea.

Q: What is the most common illness for which children receive antibiotics?

A: Ear infections.

Q: What is the leading cause of infant mortality?

A: Low birth weight.

Berrien County facts

Q: What location has the most well permits from the health department?

A: Buchanan.

Q: Which city has the highest intake of fruits and vegetables?

A: Berrien Springs.

Q: Which city has the most visits to the health department for family planning services?

A: Niles.

Q: Which city receives the most immunizations through the health department?

A: Benton Harbor.

Johansen also offered four principles for healthier living, including:

▶Making a "plant shift" in your diet, away from meats and toward fruits and vegetables.

▶The 80 percent plan – eating 20 percent less. Eating slowly allows you to know sooner when you're full, avoiding overeating, Johansen said.

▶Move naturally. In other words, walk, instead of running or jogging, Johansen said. "Nobody gets walker's shin."

▶"Know your purpose," Johansen said. "Find meaning in your life."

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Photographer Don McCullin poses in front of the Houston Museum of Fine Arts' sign on Thursday, promoting the new War/Photography exhibit in Houston. The exhibit displays the work of 280 photographers from 28 nations covering the Mexican-American war in 1846 to present-day. McCullin has four photos in the exhibit.

War photography exhibit debuts in Houston museum

By RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI
Associated Press

HOUSTON — It was a moment Nina Berman did not expect to capture when she entered an Illinois wedding studio in 2006. She knew Tyler Ziegel had been horribly injured, his face mutilated beyond recognition by a suicide bombing in the Iraq War. She knew he was marrying his pretty high school sweetheart, perfect in a white, voluminous dress.

It was their expressions that were surprising.

"People don't think this war has any impact on Americans? Well here it is," Berman says of the image of a somber bride staring blankly, unsmiling at the camera, her war-ravaged groom alongside her, his head down.

"This was even more shocking because we're used to this kind of over-the-top joy that feels a little put on, and then you see this picture where they look like survivors of something really serious," Berman added.

The photograph that won a first place prize in the World Press Photos Award contest will stand out from other battlefield images in an exhibit "WAR/PHOTOGRAPHY: Images of Armed Conflict and Its Aftermath" that debuts Sunday – Veterans Day – in the Houston Museum of Fine Arts. From there, the exhibit will travel to The Annenberg Space for Photography in Los Angeles, the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington and The Brooklyn Museum in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The exhibit was painstakingly built by co-curators Anne Wilkes Tucker and Will Michels after the museum purchased a print of the famous picture of the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima, taken Feb. 23, 1945, by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal. The curators decided the museum didn't have enough conflict photos, Tucker said, and in 2004, the pair began traveling around the country and the world in search of pictures.

Over nearly eight years and after viewing more than 1 million pictures, Tucker and Michels created an exhibit that includes 480 objects, including photo to albums, original magazines and old cameras, by 280 photographers from 26 countries.

Some are well-known – such as the Rosenthal's picture and another AP photograph, of a naked girl running from a napalm attack during the Vietnam War taken in 1972 by Huynh Cong "Nick" Ut. Others, such as the Incinerated Iraqi, of a man's burned body seen through the shattered windshield of his car, will be new to most viewers.

"The point of all the photographs is that when a conflict occurs, it lingers," Tucker said.

The pictures hang on stark gray walls, and some are in small rooms with warning signs at the entrance designed to allow visitors to decide whether they want to view images that can be brutal in their honesty.

"It's something that we did to that man. Americans did it, we did it intentionally and it's a haunting picture," Michels said of the image of the burned Iraqi that hangs inside one of the rooms.

In some images, such as Don McCullin's picture of a U.S. Marine throwing a grenade at a North Vietnamese soldier in Hue, it is clear the photographer was in danger when immortalizing the moment. Looking at his image, McCullin recalled deciding to travel to Hue instead of Khe Sahn, as he had initially planned.

"It was the best decision I ever made," he said, smiling slightly as he looked at the picture, explaining that he took a risk by standing behind the Marine.

"This hand took a bullet, shattered it. It looked like a cauliflower," he said, pointing to the still-upraised hand that threw the grenade. "So the people he was trying to kill were trying to kill him."

McCullin, who worked at that time for The Sunday Times in London, has covered conflicts all over the world, from Lebanon and Israel to Biafra. Now 77, McCullin says he wonders, still, whether the hundreds of photos he's taken have been worthwhile. At times, he said, he lost faith in what he was doing because when one war ends, another begins.

Yet he believes journalists and photographers must never stop telling about the "waste of man in war."

"After seeing so much of it, I'm tired of thinking, 'Why aren't the people who rule our lives ... getting it?' "McCullin said, adding that he'd like to drag them all into the exhibit for an hour.

Berman didn't see the conflicts unfold. Instead, she waited for the wounded to come home, seeking to tell a story about war's aftermath.

Her project on the wounded developed in 2003. The Iraq War was at its height, and there was still no database, she said, to find names of wounded warriors returning home. So she scoured local newspapers on the Internet.

OBITUARIES

Linda Ott

BENTON HARBOR —Linda Ott, 66, of Benton Harbor passed away Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St Joseph.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 404 E. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Noah Headrick officiating. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens of Coloma. Friends may visit from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church or Hospice at Home. Those wishing to share a memory of Linda online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

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Linda was born Aug. 9, 1946, in Heber Springs, Ark., to Ted and Dora (Johnson) Green. In 1963 Linda married Marvin Ott Sr. in Bridgman.

Linda was a full-time homemaker who kept a busy schedule caring for her family. In her spare time, she enjoyed shopping, bingo, rummaging, going to breakfast and spending time with her grandchildren.

Linda is survived by her son, Marvin (Theresa) Ott Jr. of Benton Harbor; two grandsons, Cody and Brandon Ott of Watervliet; a sister, Merle Pollock of Benton Harbor; a brother, David Green of Arkansas; and loving nieces Tammy Faircloth and Diana Peschke.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, husband Marvin Ott Sr., son Craig Ott, sister Dora Sue Martin and brother Billy Green.

Death notices

Linda Ott, 66, of Benton Harbor died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Mary Alice Russell, 76, of Benton Harbor died Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012, at her home. Fairplain Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor, 926-7222.

N.Y. exhibit highlights Tiffany's religious objects

By ULA ILNYTZKY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Louis Comfort Tiffany was the quintessential tastemaker of the post-Civil War Gilded Age. His iridescent leaded-glass windows and lamps decorated public buildings and homes of rich and famous clients. But most of his commissions were for America's houses of worship at a time of unprecedented church-building.

"Louis C. Tiffany and the Art of Devotion" at The Museum of Biblical Art in New York City is the first major exhibit to focus exclusively on Tiffany's religious output of elaborate altars, baptismal fonts, mosaics, chandeliers, windows and other liturgical ornamentation. It features 84 objects, including 10 stained-glass windows, three of which are on loan from churches that are still active. The free exhibit runs through Jan. 20.

Mary Altaffer / AP

A detail of "The Righteous Shall Receive a Crown of Glory," Brainard Memorial Window for Methodist Church, Waterville, New York, ca. 1901, is photographed while on display at the "Louis C. Tiffany and the Art of Devotion" exhibit at the Museum of Biblical Art in New York.

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> **PATRICIA PONGRACZ**
> Curator, Musuem of Biblical Art

While most of his commissions were for Protestant churches, synagogues also sought out the master designer for their interiors, most notably New York's stunning Temple Emanu-El, which has a majestic window of the Ten Commandments. The museum has scheduled tours of the temple's monumental May Memorial Window on Dec. 6 and Jan. 9.

During a fertile period of church building – some 4,000 were constructed between 1888 and 1915 – Tiffany Studios positioned itself as the go-to firm for ecclesiastical decorative arts. The firm, which operated from 1880 until Tiffany's death in 1933, was celebrated for its Favrile glass, an opalescent glass with swirls of color variegation and three-dimensional effects that Tiffany patented in 1881.

"In his windows, drapery looks like drapery. It literally has folds," said Patricia Pongracz, the museum's director of curatorial affairs. "If you have a petal, the flower has a texture and a quality to it that suggests to you physically and tactically the notion of a flower petal."

The exhibit is arranged around three themes: innovation and design; commemoration; and Tiffany as businessman.

"Tiffany was not simply in the business of creating beauty, he also was keenly aware of the importance of memory," said Pongracz, adding that most of the objects he created for a church were commemorating someone who had died.

The exhibition offers a unique opportunity to see many of Tiffany's liturgical works up close, and some that have not been on public view in decades, said Pongracz.

There is a 1908 marble-and-glass mosaic baptismal font on loan from the Christ Church in Pomfret, Conn., that was created in memory of a father and daughter who died within 18 months of each other.

"It's a very emotional experience to see it," congregant Linda Goodwin said of the overall Tiffany effect. "It's very inspiring."

"You take a deep breath when you see the font because it's so beautiful," Goodwin added.

Tiffany was an astute businessman who "was fantastic at creating his materials and marketing them," Pongracz said. A brilliant tactic that sealed Tiffany Studios' reputation as a premiere ecclesiastical design company was a marble-and-glass mosaic chapel created for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

"It wasn't consecrated, but it was so powerful and evocative that ... men walking in removed their hats," she said.

Tiffany considered it among his greatest achievements. It was reinstalled in his New York showroom and today is the centerpiece of a museum in Winter Park, Fla.

Tiffany also produced electrified sanctuary lamps he called electroliers. The exhibit features an 1897 example with metal and glass prisms from the United Presbyterian Church in Binghamton, N.Y.

The museum said no cost records exist for the objects, which today remain priceless.

Ex-U.S. Rep. Joseph Early Sr. of Mass. dies at 79

By BRIDGET MURPHY
Associated Press

BOSTON — Massachusetts congressman Joseph Early Sr. wasn't known as the most vocal of U.S. representatives during nearly two decades in Washington.

But the late Democrat was someone who wasn't afraid to speak against even his own political party when he believed in something strongly, a friend said Friday.

"It was all about his district, all about his people, all about his strong beliefs. He would not waiver," former Worcester mayor and radio host Jordan Levy said.

Early, who served in the U.S. House from 1975 to 1993, died Friday at his Worcester home after a brief illness. He was 79.

A spokesman for Early's son, Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early Jr., confirmed the former congressman's death.

Early's political career started in 1962, when he won a state legislative race by a narrow margin. He then served six terms as a state representative from 1963 to 1974.

Before politics, the Worcester native served in the Navy for two years and worked as a Massachusetts high school teacher and coach.

As a student at College of the Holy Cross, he played for the 1954 squad that won the NIT basketball championship.

Following a House banking scandal involving bounced checks, Early lost his seat in the U.S. House in 1992 to Shrewsbury Republican Peter Blute. But authorities cleared Early of any criminal wrongdoing.

U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern of Massachusetts said Friday that Early "fought tirelessly for working people" while championing economic development and advocating for medical research.

Lt. Gov. Timothy Murray called Early a tenacious advocate who helped establish University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester and get federal money for health and science research in Massachusetts.

Gov. Deval Patrick said Early's dedication to public service and central Massachusetts residents paved the way for many public servants who came after him.

"His unwavering commitment to creating a better Commonwealth will be deeply missed by his former colleagues and constituents," Patrick said in a news release.

Early's family said in a statement Friday that loved ones were very proud of his life's work.

"He showed that helping people truly is a noble profession," they said.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn, eight children and 23 grandchildren.

When officials dedicated a post office in his hometown in his honor about a decade ago, Early said he enjoyed the thought of his grandchildren passing by the building in years to come and knowing it had his name.

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> **JORDAN LEVY**
> Former Worcester mayor

hp BUSINESS

Beyond the fiscal cliff

There are reasons for cautious optimism as you plot a strategy for making investments

By CHRISTINA REXRODE and MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — Forget about the "fiscal cliff."

That might be hard, considering the drama of this week. The stock market had its worst two-day plunge in a year after voters returned President Barack Obama, a Republican House and a Democratic Senate to power.

Investors fear the approaching cliff – tax increases and government spending cuts that begin to take effect Jan. 1 unless Obama and Congress can work out a compromise.

Economists say the hit to the economy next year could be $800 billion, enough to push the United States back into another recession. And financial analysts are predicting more market turmoil as the deadline approaches.

Lawmakers almost certainly will work out a deal – perhaps messily, unsatisfyingly and with lots of theatrics, but a deal nonetheless. But what happens after that, and to the market in Obama's second term?

Home prices are rising again in many parts of the country. Job growth is much faster than it was last spring. Consumer confidence and retail spending are up. And so is the stock market, this week's jitters notwithstanding.

Even some of those who think the economy and markets will run into trouble soon see better times on the other side of the cliff.

David Kostin, Goldman Sachs's U.S. equity strategist, expects a budget battle in Washington to send the Standard & Poor's 500 index down to 1,250 by the end of the year, about 10 percent lower than where it closed Friday.

Once the fight is finished, however, things should turn around quickly, he says. By the end of next year, the S&P 500 will reach 1,575, Goldman says, clearing its previous all-time high by 10 points.

There are factors that could still hobble the economy, of course.

Median household income has dropped every year since 2007, after adjusting for inflation. The unemployment rate is still high. The Federal Reserve warned last month that job growth, like U.S. economic growth, remains slow.

Here are three things you should watch as you plot an investing strategy for the next four years.

The bottom line

The traditional thinking is that a Democratic president equals higher taxes for businesses. But financial analysts at UBS aren't so sure. In a report before the election, they predicted that the corporate tax rate would drop under Obama or Romney.

And anyway, says Carol Pepper, CEO of the wealth management firm Pepper International in New York, companies aren't going to stop growing just because they're faced with higher taxes.

"That," she says, "is cutting off your nose to spite your face."

For more than three years, companies in the S&P 500 have improved earnings every quarter compared with the year before, according to market research company S&P Capital IQ.

Often, their growth has defied expectations. At the beginning of October, analysts were predicting that third-quarter corporate profits would fall nearly 2 percent compared with a year ago.

With about 90 percent of the companies in the S&P 500 turning in results, they're expected to be up more than 2 percent. And higher earnings generally send a company's stock higher.

That's no guarantee, of course. Revenue for the third quarter so far is up only about 0.6 percent, which means that companies' profit growth is driven not by selling more goods and services but by cutting costs, which can

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Digital Vision

'Connected' cars would aim to keep drivers in the loop

Wireless technology could help make motorists more aware of traffic conditions

By STEVE JOHNSON
San Jose Mercury News

While Google's self-driving car is getting heaps of attention, a lesser-known effort that would employ cutting-edge technologies to make regular automobiles safer is fast gaining traction.

Under the "connected vehicle" program being developed by federal and state officials, cars, trucks and buses bristling with gadgets would wirelessly communicate with each other as well as with traffic signals, pavement-embedded sensors and other road equipment.

Drivers then would get automatic warnings about everything from icy bridges and accidents in their paths to cars racing at them through red lights and lane changes they should avoid because another vehicle is next to them.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is due to make key decisions next year about how to proceed, and authorities expect connected-vehicle devices to start showing up in cars by 2019.

"This is going to be a very big deal," said Greg Larson, chief of the office of traffic operations research at the California Department of Transportation, which has been studying the concept. Calling the government's timetable "very realistic," he added, "I don't see any technical challenges in getting this done."

Some carmakers already have equipped vehicles with gadgets to alert drivers to potential collisions.

But those devices only spot nearby hazards, among other limitations. And while California has approved testing of so-called autonomous vehicles – like those Google is working on – getting cars to safely drive themselves is complicated.

Google declined to discuss the subject. But Steven Shladover of California Partners for Advanced Transportation Technology, a research group at the University of California-Berkeley, said a big challenge in designing self-driving cars is to make software that can nimbly respond to unexpected events.

"This will require a very large research and development effort," he said. But if those vehicles could be relegated to their own special-purpose lanes, he added, "the technical problems become much less daunting."

No matter how autonomous cars are designed, however, "we think they could work better when they are connected" with other vehicles and roadway

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How to do Black Friday week right

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Get ready for Black Friday week.

Stores are making a big push to lure in bargain-hungry shoppers before the Friday after Thanksgiving, the traditional start of the holiday shopping season. They are putting on special sales that further creep into Turkey Day – and earlier.

For the first time, Disney Stores, Sears and Kohl's are among the stores offering at least some of the same Black Friday deals to customers a few days before Black Friday.

"It's no longer Christmas creep. It's Christmas crush," said Marshal Cohen, chief research analyst at NPD Inc., a market research firm, referring to the bevy of Black Friday deals that shoppers will be able to buy earlier that week.

Many are also targeting smartphone shoppers with apps that make it easier to shop the deals. Macy's shoppers using the department store chain's new Black Friday app will even get alerted to special unadvertised deals while they're in line at the store.

But don't get caught up in the shopping madness. A smart and measured approach to buying will preserve your holiday budget.

"You need to keep your wits about you," said Jodi Furman, author of a blog called Livefabuless.com. "You can't allow the urgency and overwhelming excitement to carry you away. "

AP file photo

A crowd of shoppers wait outside the Target store Nov. 25, 2011, in Lisbon, Conn., before the store opens for Black Friday shopping at midnight. Stores are making a big push to lure in bargain-hungry shoppers before the Friday after Thanksgiving, the traditional start of the holiday shopping season. They are putting on special sales that creep into Turkey Day – and earlier.

Here's how to do Black Friday the smart way:

Research the deals and compare prices: With Thanksgiving two weeks away, you should start mapping out a strategy now. Make a list of what you want and how much you want to spend. Check out decide.com, which uses data to help you decide the best time to buy a certain product.

A bevy of websites already have posted stores' Black Friday deals. Check out sites like bradsdeals.com and the blackfriday.com that list hours and circulars for the holiday weekend.

Brad Wilson, an online deal expert and founder of BradsDeals, thinks stores are staggering sales events throughout Black Friday week to create a "lot of noise" and make it difficult for smartphone-toting shoppers to compare prices.

A few years ago, it was easier to make "quick and imperfect decisions," he said. "Now, the tables have turned and consumers have a transparent view of the landscape."

Use social media: Follow your favorite stores' Twitter feeds and click the "Like" button on their Facebook pages. Stores will use their social networks to update shoppers on deals and store hours, says Carey Rossi, editor-in-chief of ConsumerSearch.com. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., for example, unveiled its Black Friday deals on Walmart.com, its Facebook wall and mobile app on Thursday. Those who sign up to get email, download the app or "Like" its Facebook page will be

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New in Business

Dogs can run at Country Breeze Kennel

EAU CLAIRE — Country Breeze Kennel, 5855 Park Road, is a home away from home for dogs when their owners are out of town.

Owner Wanda Eichberg, an Animal Aid volunteer for more than two years, said she opened the kennel in July and provides plenty of exercise for her boarders. She said each dog has its own 5-foot-by-5-foot indoor enclosure that has a doggy door to its own similar size outdoor enclosure. In addition, she said she lets the dogs run in a larger outdoor fenced area two to three times a day.

All indoor enclosures are heated and air conditioned.

Hours are by appointment, which can be made by calling 461-3572. She said each dog needs proof of rabies vaccination and immunizations and emergency contact information.

Elite Barbershop offers hair care for all

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Both men and women can receive hair cuts, shampoos and other hair services from Elite Barbershop in the Orchards Mall near Entrance 4.

Owner Roosevelt Bell of Benton Harbor said business has been steady since he opened on Oct. 11.

A licensed barber, Bell said he has been cutting hair for almost 20 years. Men can also get a straight razor shave in his shop, he said.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. The phone number is 348-7723.

Items for New in Business should be emailed to business@TheHP.com, faxed to 429-4398 or mailed to New in Business, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph MI 49085.

Business Meetings & Classes

▶ ST. JOSEPH — A funny and insightful look at the pitfalls and possible remedies that arise when job situations become "sticky" will be the topic at the Executive Professional Women's Association meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Vineland Center, 115 Vineland Road. It will be presented by Judee Hopwood, president of Williamson Employment Services in St. Joseph.

For more information or to register, visit www.epwami.com.

▶ MISHAWAKA, Ind. — The Michiana Chapter of APICS will have a chapter plant tour Tuesday at AM General Commercial Assembly Plant, 12900 McKinley Highway, Mishawaka. Check-in is at 5 p.m., with the tour at 5:30 p.m.

Cost is $10 for members, $15 for nonmembers and $5 for students. To register, call 574-217-0960, go to www.apics-michiana.org or email Reservations@apics-michiana.org. The tour is worth one Certification Maintenance point for people APICS Certified CPIM/CFPIM or CSCP.

David Whitby, plant manager, will lead the tour.

Notices of business and farm meetings and classes should be emailed to business@TheHP.com, faxed to 429-4398 or mailed to The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph MI 49085.

Beat those open enrollment blues

Thank goodness the election is over because there is another election you need to focus on now.

This time of year, your employer gives you an opportunity to make changes to your workplace benefits next year. Yes, it's open enrollment season again.

Can I be honest with you?

I've been trifling in the past when it comes to open enrollment. There have been times when I waited until the night before the deadline to review my benefit information. Or life got in the way and I just forgot to review my choices. Usually, I just went with what I already had, which is good. But I could have made some costly mistakes.

Fifty-six percent of employees estimate they waste up to $750 annually because of their errors during open enrollment, according to a survey of 2,500 consumers conducted for insurance provider Aflac. Participants said they elected the wrong level of insurance coverage or took benefit options they didn't need.

Take heed from the mistakes the Aflac survey found:

▶ Sixty-one percent of those polled said they are only sometimes or not at all aware of changes to their insurance policies each year.

▶ Eighty-nine percent default to the same options every year.

▶ Only 16 percent contribute the right amount to flexible spending accounts.

If you can't focus on the dizzying amount of information, I do understand. You are not alone. A health survey by Aetna found that workers rank choosing health care benefits as the second most difficult major life decision behind saving for retirement. Further, survey respondents said that choosing health care benefits is more difficult than purchasing a car, making decisions about medical tests or treatments, parenting, and selecting other forms of insurance.

Michelle Singletary

So why do we dread it so much?

Overwhelmingly, employees said they found decisions on their health care benefits to be difficult because the information they are given is confusing and complicated, there is conflicting data and it's hard to determine which plan is the right for them, according to the Aetna survey.

First – and this may sound obvious – don't treat your open enrollment package like junk mail. Open it. Or go online and read through the materials provided by your employer. You will likely find tools to help you compare health care costs, insurance plans or other benefits. Even if you aren't planning on making any changes to your choices, look at everything that is being offered. The health insurance plan that has worked for you in the past may have undergone some major changes or service deletions. How do you know if you've got the best plan for you or your family if you don't know what else is being offered?

You have to do some math. I know. It's a pain. But you may have a Cadillac health insurance plan when you only need Chevy coverage. Take some time to add up your yearly medical expenses so you can elect the right coverage for your needs. Aetna found that 43 percent of its survey participants rarely or never track how much they spend on out-of-pocket health care costs.

Maybe self-help isn't best for you. Some people are comfortable reviewing materials on their own. But in the Aflac survey, half of employees said they would feel more informed if they sat down with an insurance consultant during enrollment. If you fit within this group, go to the open enrollment meeting at your place of work.

Aetna has some additional tips to help during open enrollment. Go to www.planforyourhealth.com and look for "(Benefits) Decisions 2012: Top 10 Tips." Here are a few of the tips, pulled together by Dr. Wendy Shanahan-Richards, co-author of "Navigating Your Health Benefits for Dummies" and national medical director for Aetna:

▶ Make a list of your current and future health care needs. Include prescription medications or any planned surgeries or health care procedures for the upcoming year.

▶ Review any problems you had with previous benefits plans. This is a good time to try to learn more about coverage you wish you had in the past. One of the reasons I'll probably stick with my current provider is because the company added my regular health facility to its list of centers designated to handle urgent care problems. If my children get sick after-hours, I don't have to drive as far as I've had to in the past.

▶ Don't just focus on the plan premiums. Take note of out-of-pocket expenses such as co-payments, deductibles and any additional charges.

▶ Pay attention to your open enrollment deadlines so you don't have to rush to make a decision for your elections.

Don't be trifling. Not now. Not when health care costs are going up and your money is so stretched.

Ask the Fool

Buyout Business

Q When one company spends millions of dollars buying another, where does that money actually go? *— R.Y., South Berwick, Maine*

A If it pays cash, the money goes to the shareholders of the acquired firm. There can also be payments to other owner classes, such as holders of preferred stock. On some occasions, some of the cash tendered may go to debt holders, if part of the purchase price is allocated to buying back debt.

If the acquirer buys with its own stock, then shareholders of the acquired firm will get shares of the acquiring company in exchange for their acquired-firm stock. They can sell these shares for cash or simply hold on. Companies typically buy other companies for more than their pre-purchase market price, paying a "premium."

Some purchases involve combinations of cash and stock. In all-stock transactions, no cash trades hands.

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Q How do private and public companies differ? *— W.B., Greenville, N.C.*

A A public company is one that has sold some shares of itself to the public. They're generally required to file quarterly earnings reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), detailing their revenue, expenses, taxes, debt loads, cash levels, income or losses and much more. These reports are available to the public.

Meanwhile, owners of privately held companies, which most of us can't invest in, don't have to reveal much. They can focus more single-mindedly on their businesses and not what the stock market thinks of them.

The biggest private companies include IKEA, Cargill, Koch Industries, Mars, Bechtel, Publix Super Markets, Ernst & Young, Pilot Flying J, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Toys R Us, Fidelity Investments, Amway, SC Johnson & Son, Hilton Worldwide, Kohler, Perdue, Levi Strauss, Gilbane and Hallmark Cards.

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Life Milestones Bring Tax Changes

Various life changes bring celebrations or condolences, and they often bring tax changes, too. Pay attention to those, or risk ending up with headaches or unnecessary costs.

For example, a new job means you'll fill out a W-4 form. Do so carefully, lest you end up having too much or too little withheld. If you have substantial other income, such as interest and dividends, adjust the withholding accordingly. If you're paying off a mortgage or student loans, or are otherwise able to itemize deductions, you might adjust your withholding allowances upward to reflect your lower tax liability.

When changing jobs, it's often best to transfer your retirement assets — such as a pension and/or 401(k) plan — to a traditional IRA, where you can control the investments. You might also be able to move those assets from your old employer to your new one. If you're receiving retirement payments, review your withholding again and determine whether your tax bracket will change.

Getting married introduces the "marriage penalty," where, if both spouses work, the couple may pay more in taxes than two single people with the same incomes. So it's important to revise your withholding status immediately.

Divorcing? Adjust your withholding to reflect your new filing status. With the splitting of marital assets, your other income (such as interest and dividends) will change, and mortgage interest may be divided or eliminated. Assets will also be divided, and the tax impact will follow the person who retains the property. Forced sales of assets might generate capital gains.

Alimony is generally taxable to the person receiving it and deductible by the person paying it, but child support is neither taxable to the recipient nor deductible by payer. Your filing status is based on the last day of the tax year, too.

There's much more to know about these and other life changes (such as adoptions, disasters, unemployment, etc.). To learn more, visit **fool.com/taxes** or **IRS.gov.** The IRS website even sports a W-4 calculator tool to help you. Better still, consult a tax pro.

My Dumbest Investment

Bio-Yech

A while back, I noticed that a certain small biotechnology company had gone up 10 percent per day for several days in a row. I knew nothing about the company, but I intended to buy it, hold it until the next day, and then sell on another day's 10 percent gain. Nearly to the minute, once I placed my order, the stock began falling. I sold three weeks later for a 28 percent loss. Lesson learned. *— S.D., Salt Lake City*

The Fool responds: As you noted, you were making decisions and allocating your money without even knowing much about the company. That's always a risky proposition. Many stocks, especially those of small companies, can be quite volatile, and the more you know about them, the better. Biotech companies, for example, might rise on rumors that a certain drug will soon receive FDA approval. But then if the drug is instead rejected, the stock will swoon.

Always know why you're buying into a company, and aim to do so when it's undervalued. Then keep up with its progress. Great wealth is best built over long-term investments, too, not one-day ones.

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

The Motley Fool Take

A Clean Start

Clean Energy Fuels (Nasdaq: CLNE) is powering our way to a sustainable energy future by providing natural gas for trucking fleets in the U.S. and Canada.

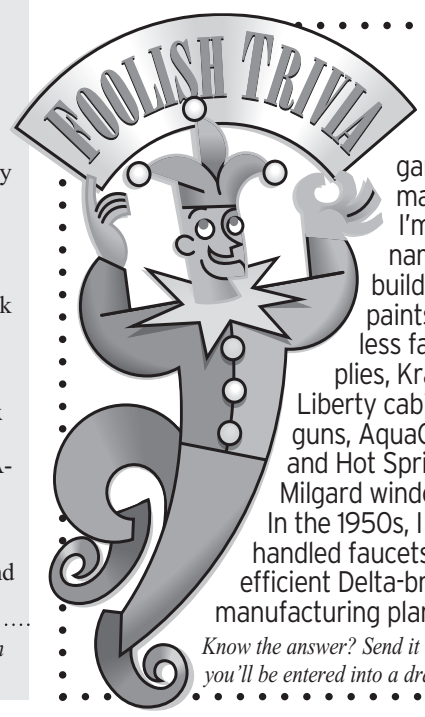
The company is building "America's Natural Gas Highway." If accomplished, the network of natural-gas fueling stations along busy trucking routes would spark even greater demand for nat-gas-powered engines. Of course, this would lead to considerably more business for Clean Energy Fuels.

There's risk, though. Clean Energy Fuels has yet to post a profit. But before you write it off as a viable investment, consider this: Building a natural-gas infrastructure from the ground up isn't cheap, and it won't happen overnight. That combination makes this stock a speculative play.

Clean Energy Fuels' alternative-fueling plan has the potential to transform the trucking industry. Game-changing strategies like this are meant to be risky. And that's OK, because with greater risk comes added reward. On the plus side, Clean Energy already has 530 fleet customers, and its revenue has been growing by more than 20 percent annually over the past five years.

This investment idea is a long-term one, meaning that it needs considerable time to deliver on its promise. Just be sure to check in periodically to verify that the investment thesis hasn't changed.

(The Motley Fool owns shares of Clean Energy Fuels and its newsletters have recommended it.)



Name That Company

Founded by an Armenian-American immigrant in Michigan in 1929, I began by making machined auto parts, but today I'm a major global maker of brand-name home-improvement and building products. These include Behr paints, Kilz primers, Delta and Peerless faucets, BrassCraft plumbing supplies, KraftMaid and Merillat cabinets, Liberty cabinet hardware, Arrow staple guns, AquaGlass bathing systems, Caldera and Hot Spring spas, DeNova countertops, Milgard windows and doors, and much more. In the 1950s, I introduced revolutionary single-handled faucets. In 2012, I introduced water-efficient Delta-brand toilets. I operate nearly 60 manufacturing plants in the U.S. Who am I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

Founded in 1909 and based in France, I'm a cosmetic giant, offering products for skin care, makeup, hair color, hair care and styling. You'll find my wares branded with names such as Le Club des Createurs de Beaute, Garnier, Maybelline New York, SoftSheen-Carson, essie, Redken, Kerastase, Matrix, Pureology, Mizani, Lancome, Giorgio Armani, Saint Laurent Paris, Biotherm, Ralph Lauren, Shu Uemura, Cacharel, Helena Rubinstein, Diesel, Clarisonic, Vichy Laboratoires, La Roche-Posay, SkinCeuticals, Inneov and Roger&Gallet. I bought The Body Shop International in 2006. My sales topped 20 billion euros in 2011, and I employ roughly 69,000 people. Who am I? (Answer: L'Oreal)

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Know the rules regarding overtime

Some small business owners will be asking their employees to work overtime this year.

But before you create the work schedules, make sure to completely understand the government's rules regarding overtime pay.

Under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), administered by the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division, hourly employees must be paid overtime at time-and-a-half for working more than 40 hours in a workweek. Overtime pay may not be waived by any agreement between you and your workers.

And over the past several years, the federal government has stepped up enforcement of wage and hour laws regarding overtime. Particular scrutiny falls on thousands of what the Department of Labor (DOL) considers "low-wage" businesses, such as day care centers, restaurants, janitorial services, health care facilities, motels and temp services.

Yet among small businesses, there remains a great deal of confusion about the rules of overtime pay. In general, federal wage and hour rules apply to any business with at least two employees and $500,000 in revenue. But there are exceptions as well as state guidelines that may also apply.

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One potential pitfall involves salaries for workweeks more than 40 hours. According to DOL, a fixed salary for a regular workweek longer than 40 hours does not eliminate an employer's obligation to pay overtime. Under Federal rules, however, employers can exempt certain positions from overtime regulations.

These "white collar" exemptions include executives and professionals who spend at least 80 percent of their time on duties involving their own independent discretion and not structured work. Federal law does not require extra pay for weekend or night work. Nor is there any provision for double-time pay. Both are matters of agreement between you and your employees.

As officials at Paxchex, a payroll firm, note, "Classifying your employees as either exempt or non-exempt is neither exact nor easy." The decision shouldn't be based merely on job title or whether someone is hourly or salaried. Instead, use job duties as the main factor.

Overtime is just one of the many important FLSA topics covered at the Wage and Hour Division's Web site, www.wagehour.dol.gov. You'll also find valuable information on minimum wages; family and medical leave; definitions of full- and part-time workers, and those whose income includes tips; applicable exemptions; and a guide to applicable state-level requirements.

To learn more about small business employment issues, contact SCORE, America's free and confidential source of small business mentoring and coaching.

Dream vacation ends with harsh wake-up call

Dear Bruce: Several months ago, my wife and I went to the Far East. It was one of our "bucket list" items. While in Vietnam, we found some wonderful carvings that we couldn't live without. We paid the gentleman and arranged for him to ship them to our home in the States.

Bruce Williams

Well, that was four months ago. Of course, the phone number that we took off the paperwork has been disconnected, and I have this awful feeling that we will never see these items and are out a couple thousand dollars. Is there anything we can do? – Reader in Seattle

Dear Reader: I'm afraid that you will find this guy is out of business and not to be found.

First of all, contact your credit card company, if indeed you paid by credit card. See what kind of fraud complaint you can file and what, if anything, the company can do about reimbursing you. Second, contact the embassy in Washington, D.C., and see if it can intervene for you.

I had a friend who spent more than $5,000 on a handmade rug in Turkey that went missing. Although she did eventually receive it, many tourists aren't so lucky. In her case, she was on a shore excursion booked by the cruise line. You can bet the Turkish companies weren't going to risk losing all of that cruise business by not sending her the rug.

In instances like hers, it was a pretty safe bet that she was going to get the item she paid for. As for a street vendor, that's a whole different story.

When purchasing things overseas, you are far better advised to take possession of the items and make your own shipping arrangements. That way, you know they are on their way and you are not being victimized.

Send questions to bruce@brucewilliams.com or to Smart Money, P.O. Box 7150, Hudson, FL 34674. Questions of general interest will be answered in future columns. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided. The Bruce Williams Show can now be heard at www.brucewilliams.com on the Made in America Broadcast Network.

Money&Markets Extra

3 stock funds to reduce risk as fiscal cliff looms

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Investors are anxious. The Dow Jones industrial average had its steepest two-day sell-off of the year on Wednesday and Thursday. With the election behind, the so-called "fiscal cliff" came into focus.

It's such a pressing concern that it's worthwhile to consider the "what-ifs." Are you comfortable with possible losses if Congress and President Barack Obama fail to agree on deficit reduction by the end of the year?

If you're not, it could be an opportune time to assess your portfolio and consider whether to modestly reduce your risk level, at least until a resolution is in sight. One option: Consider stock funds that succeeded in limiting losses when the market fell sharply in recent years, while also performing well over the long haul.

The fragile economic recovery could be derailed — along with financial markets — if leaders can't forge some sort of agreement or interim step by Jan. 1 to better align revenue with spending.

Fresh off Tuesday's election, Obama and Republican House Speaker John Boehner were conciliatory. Each pledged to work toward a bipartisan compromise. Yet the failure of past efforts — including last year's deficit-reduction supercommittee — doesn't inspire confidence.

If some measure of progress is made, there will be plenty of back-and-forth, increasing the risk that stocks will make sharp movements up and down.

Below are three stock mutual funds that have limited investors' losses in past downturns, and could again prove their worth whether markets become more volatile or not.

Each invests primarily in large U.S. companies, the types of stocks that typically anchor a well-diversified portfolio. They're categorized as blend funds, investing in a mix of low-priced value stocks along with growth stocks offering greater potential for long-term appreciation. The funds have 5-star records from Morningstar because of strong past performance. Morningstar analysts currently give each a top-rung gold medal rating, based on their assessments of each fund's future prospects.

Each of the four funds charges fees of 1 percent or less. That's relatively modest given that these are actively managed funds that seek to beat the market, rather than index funds seeking merely to match it.

Each requires a minimum initial investment of $5,000 or less, so they're accessible to many individual investors. None charges an upfront sales fee, known as a load.

The three, listed in order of their 10-year returns:

FMI LARGE CAP (FMIHX)

This fund's 5- and 10-year returns rank within the top 5 percent of its large-cap blend peers. It was a standout performer during the financial crisis, losing a relatively small 27 percent in 2008 while the S&P 500 plunged 37 percent. The team that manages the fund looks for businesses with the financial strength to hold up well even if the economy slows down. FMI Large Cap recently owned a relatively compact portfolio of 27 stocks, led by 3M Co. at 5.3 percent of the portfolio and Berkshire Hathaway, Warren Buffett's company, at 5.1 percent.

VANGUARD DIVIDEND GROWTH (VDIGX)

This fund's 5-year return ranks in the top 3 percent among its peers, and its 2008 loss was a relatively small 26 percent. It's one of the standout managed funds at Vanguard, best known for index funds. With an expense ratio of just 0.31 percent, it's among the lowest-cost managed funds. The emphasis in the portfolio of around 50 stocks is dividend-payers. Recent top holdings include PepsiCo, Johnson & Johnson and Occidental Petroleum. Don Kilbride has run the fund the past six years, and has more than $1 million personally invested in the fund.

SEQUOIA FUND (SEQUX)

This fund's 3- and 5-year records rank within the top 2 percent of its peers. Managers Robert Goldfarb and David Poppe typically hold just 10 to 25 favored stocks, and stick with them for years. Recent top holdings include Valeant Pharmaceuticals and TJX Cos., owner of the T.J. Maxx and Marshalls retail chains. The fund recently had nearly 18 percent of its portfolio held in cash, which could provide a cushion if the market drops. In 2008, Sequoia lost a relatively modest 27 percent.

Amer Elec Power AEP
$41.80 ▼ -.24 -.6%
-5.3 +1.2

Whirlpool WHR
$96.61 ▼ -.74 -.8%
+15.6 +103.6

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STOCK	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LOW	HIGH	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%CHG 1QTR	%CHG YTD	%RTN 1YR	RANK %RTN 5YRS*	PE	YLD
AT&T Inc	T	27.41	38.58	**33.54**	**-1.39**	-4.0	▼	▼	10.9	+22.10	1.4	44	5.4
AEP	AEP	36.97	45.41	**41.80**	**-1.96**	-4.5	▼	▼	1.2	+13.66	1.7	13	4.5
Apple Inc	AAPL	363.32	705.07	**547.06**	**-27.09**	-4.7	▼	▼	35.1	+39.74	27.3	12	1.9
AutoZone	AZO	313.11	399.10	**376.89**	**-6.02**	-1.6	▲	▲	16.0	+15.74	27.1	17	...
BP PLC	BP	36.25	48.34	**40.84**	**-1.16**	-2.8	▼	▼	-4.4	-+.92	-7.1	6	4.7
BonTon	BONT	2.23	14.99	**11.13**	**-2.10**	-15.9	▼	▲	230.3	+198.94	-1.5	...	1.8
CMS Eng	CMS	19.57	24.98	**23.00**	**-0.98**	-4.1	▼	▼	4.2	+16.99	9.9	16	4.2
ChemFinl	CHFC	17.56	25.00	**21.48**	**-1.46**	-6.4	▼	▼	0.8	+18.31	0.2	12	3.9
CocaCola s	KO	32.37	41.25	**36.29**	**-0.79**	-2.1	▼	▼	3.7	+11.26	6.0	19	2.8
Comcast	CMCSA	20.90	37.96	**36.12**	**-1.49**	-4.0	▲	▲	52.3	+69.92	14.4	19	1.8
Deere	DE	69.51	89.70	**84.29**	**-1.31**	-1.5	▲	▲	9.0	+17.64	3.4	11	2.2
Disney	DIS	33.28	53.40	**47.06**	**-2.80**	-5.6	▼	▼	25.5	+41.05	8.5	15	1.3
ExxonMbl	XOM	73.90	93.67	**87.21**	**-2.49**	-2.8	▼	▼	2.9	+15.51	2.1	11	2.6
FamilyDlr	FDO	53.03	74.73	**66.50**	**0.57**	0.9	▲	▲	15.3	+16.96	25.3	19	1.3
FifthThird	FITB	10.89	16.16	**14.16**	**-0.22**	-1.5	▼	▼	11.3	+23.61	-11.1	9	2.8
1stSource	SRCE	20.51	26.79	**20.83**	**-1.03**	-4.7	▼	▼	-17.8	—7.29	5.1	11	3.3
FordM	F	8.82	13.05	**10.93**	**-0.24**	-2.1	▲	▲	1.6	-+.82	6.3	9	1.8
GenElec	GE	14.68	23.18	**21.00**	**-0.31**	-1.5	▼	▼	17.3	+36.78	-8.4	16	3.2
Google	GOOG	556.52	774.38	**663.03**	**-24.89**	-3.6	▼	▲	2.7	+10.33	-0.0	20	...
HomeDp	HD	36.41	63.20	**60.96**	**-1.06**	-1.7	▲	▲	45.0	+67.17	18.6	22	1.9
HorizBcp s	HBNC	16.23	29.50	**26.58**	**-2.11**	-7.4	▼	▼	53.4	+65.30	11.6	9	2.0
HuntBncsh	HBAN	4.66	7.25	**6.16**	**-0.19**	-3.0	▼	▼	12.2	+23.44	-14.6	11	2.6
IDEX	IEX	32.77	44.21	**42.65**	**-0.42**	-1.0	▲	▲	14.9	+24.81	5.5	17	1.9
IntegrysE	TEG	48.45	61.92	**52.00**	**-1.55**	-2.9	▼	▼	-4.0	+7.04	5.1	16	5.2
IBM	IBM	177.06	211.79	**189.64**	**-2.94**	-1.5	▼	▼	3.1	+5.87	15.0	13	1.8
JPMorgCh	JPM	28.28	46.49	**40.62**	**-1.80**	-4.2	▼	▲	22.2	+28.37	1.2	8	3.0
JohnJn	JNJ	61.05	72.74	**69.87**	**-1.03**	-1.5	▲	▲	6.5	+13.69	4.2	23	3.5
JournalCm	JRN	3.72	5.85	**5.57**	**-0.09**	-1.6	▲	▼	26.6	+48.53	-6.4	12	...
Lowes	LOW	21.48	33.63	**31.47**	**-1.68**	-5.1	▲	▲	24.0	+44.46	7.1	21	2.0
McDnlds	MCD	84.96	102.22	**84.74**	**-2.12**	-2.4	▼	▼	-15.5	—5.52	10.7	16	3.6
Microsoft	MSFT	24.30	32.95	**28.83**	**-0.67**	-2.3	▼	▼	11.1	+13.09	-1.2	16	3.2
MillerHer	MLHR	16.03	23.42	**19.42**	**0.16**	0.8	▲	▲	5.3	—2.36	-4.0	16	1.9
Penney	JCP	19.06	43.18	**20.64**	**-3.06**	-12.9	▼	▼	-41.3	—35.66	-12.4	...	...
Perrigo	PRGO	87.91	120.78	**105.57**	**-9.43**	-8.2	▼	▼	8.5	+18.56	29.0	23	0.3
Pfizer	PFE	18.15	26.09	**24.17**	**-0.16**	-0.7	▼	▲	11.7	+29.52	4.7	14	3.6
ProctGam	PG	59.07	70.83	**67.01**	**-2.18**	-3.2	▼	▲	0.4	+10.37	1.7	18	3.4
RepubSvc	RSG	25.15	31.32	**26.75**	**0.27**	1.0	▼	▼	-2.9	+1.67	-1.3	14	3.5
SearsHldgs	SHLD	28.89	85.90	**62.51**	**-1.43**	-2.2	▲	▲	96.7	—4.71	-10.5	...	...
Steelcse	SCS	6.24	10.73	**10.38**	**0.13**	1.3	▲	▲	39.1	+48.96	-3.1	17	3.5
Stryker	SYK	45.45	57.15	**52.53**	**-0.11**	-0.2	▲	▼	5.7	+12.38	-4.5	14	1.6
Target	TGT	47.25	65.80	**62.02**	**-0.69**	-1.1	▲	▼	21.1	+22.42	3.4	14	2.3
TractSupp	TSCO	67.60	103.74	**92.20**	**-2.37**	-2.5	▼	▲	31.4	+29.79	36.8	25	0.9
UPS B	UPS	66.46	81.79	**72.25**	**-1.23**	-1.7	▲	▼	-1.3	+7.20	3.0	18	3.2
VerizonCm	VZ	35.17	48.77	**42.64**	**-1.88**	-4.2	▼	▼	6.3	+21.05	5.4	39	4.8
WalMart	WMT	56.26	77.60	**72.31**	**-0.46**	-0.6	▼	▼	21.0	+27.25	12.8	15	2.2
Walgrn	WAG	28.53	37.35	**32.66**	**-1.95**	-5.6	▼	▼	-1.2	+6.12	-1.1	13	3.4
Wendys Co	WEN	4.09	5.58	**4.45**	**0.14**	3.2	▲	▬	-17.0	—13.88	-12.8	74	3.6
Whrlpl	WHR	45.22	100.66	**96.61**	**-1.54**	-1.6	▲	▲	103.6	+87.33	7.0	16	2.1
Worthgtn	WOR	14.54	24.84	**21.51**	**0.08**	0.4	▲	▼	31.3	+32.45	1.7	12	2.4
XPO Logis	XPO	8.64	19.40	**13.77**	**0.07**	0.5	▲	▼	11.5	+33.30	22.9	...	...

Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Ellipses indicate data not available. Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock's performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent (far-left box) to bottom 20 percent (far-right box).

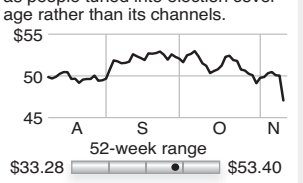
StoryStocks

Stock indexes rose Friday for the first time in three days following encouraging economic reports. Consumer sentiment rose more than economists expected, as did sales at the wholesale level. Friday's improvement helped stocks recover a portion of their losses from earlier in the week. Worries are high that gridlock in Washington will force the economy to swallow tax hikes and government spending cuts that are scheduled for next year.

J.C. Penney JCP
Close: **$20.64 ▼-1.05 or -4.8%**
Due to falling sales, the department store chain reported a bigger-than-expected loss during the company's third quarter.

Vol.: **41.5m (5.2x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$4.52 b** Yield: **3.9%**

Walt Disney DIS
Close: **$47.06 ▼-2.98 or -6.0%**
The media company said that advertising in the first-quarter is down as people tuned into election coverage rather than its channels.



Vol.: **34.0m (4.1x avg.)** PE: **15.5**
Mkt. Cap: **$84.44 b** Yield: **1.3%**

Lions Gate Ent. LGF
Close: **$16.68 ▲2.08 or 14.2%**
Thanks to home video sales of "The Hunger Games," the film studio posted second-quarter earnings and profits that beat expectations.

Vol.: **5.9m (5.4x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$2.41 b** Yield: **...**

Energizer Hldgs. ENR
Close: **$76.22 ▲5.40 or 7.6%**
The battery and flashlight maker said that it plans to cut roughly 10 percent of its work force as part of a cost-cutting overhaul.

Vol.: **3.1m (4.7x avg.)** PE: **15.1**
Mkt. Cap: **$4.91 b** Yield: **2.1%**

Zale ZLC
Close: **$6.85 ▲0.22 or 3.3%**
A Citi analyst initiated coverage of the jewelry seller's stock with a "Buy" rating, saying that results should continue to improve.

Vol.: **675.6k (0.9x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$221.6 m** Yield: **...**

FleetCor Tech. FLT
Close: **$47.88 ▲1.74 or 3.8%**
The provider of fuel card and payment products to businesses reported better-than-expected results and boosted its outlook.

Vol.: **1.6m (4.0x avg.)** PE: **23.4**
Mkt. Cap: **$4 b** Yield: **...**

SOURCE: Sungard AP

Company Spotlight

Priceline to buy Kayak

Priceline.com's surprising pickup of Kayak just months after the competitor's initial public offering in July has sparked investors' attention across the online travel world.

Priceline.com late Thursday said it struck a deal to buy Kayak Software for $1.8 billion. The cash-and-stock deal values Kayak at $40 a share, 29 percent higher than its Thursday closing price of $31.04.

Shares of Kayak jumped 28 percent Friday to close at $39.67. Priceline slipped less than 1 percent, to $625.87.

Priceline.com will pay 57 percent more than Kayak's IPO price.

Kayak allows users to compare hundreds of travel sites when looking for flights, hotels and rental cars. It sends the consumer to other websites to complete their purchases and earns fees on those referrals, although some bookings can be made directly on Kayak's website and mobile applications. It also sells advertising.

Kayak (KYAK) Friday's close: **$39.67**
Price-earnings ratio (Based on past 12 months' results): **N/A**
Market value: **$1.5 billion** Headquarters: **Norwalk, Conn.**

52-WEEK RANGE
$26 40

AP Total returns through Nov. 8 *Annualized SOURCES: Morningstar; FactSet

MutualFunds

MutualFundCategories

SPECIALTY FUNDS	YTD	PERCENT RETURN 1YR	3YR	5YR
Conservative Allocation (CA)	7.57	8.24	7.07	3.39
Moderate Allocation (MA)	8.66	9.73	7.34	2.00
Health (SH)	17.23	24.00	12.90	5.66
Natural Resources (SN)	0.78	-2.94	2.53	-3.62
Real Estate (SR)	12.87	18.26	18.85	2.77
Technology (ST)	7.27	3.51	8.14	1.32
BALANCED				
Target-Date 2000-2010 (TA)	7.21	7.52	6.57	1.76
Target-Date 2011-2015 (TD)	7.99	8.39	6.79	1.45
Target-Date 2016-2020 (TE)	8.66	9.16	7.36	0.99
INTERNATIONAL				
Divers. Emerging Mkt. (EM)	10.79	5.73	2.61	-3.84
Europe Stock (ES)	11.96	9.98	0.99	-6.38
Foreign Small/Mid Val (FA)	13.54	9.90	3.61	-3.41
Foreign Large Blend (FB)	10.12	8.65	1.37	-5.28
Foreign Large Growth (FG)	11.00	8.60	4.27	-3.73
Foreign Small/Mid Gr. (FR)	16.32	13.07	8.00	-2.48
Foreign Large Value (FV)	8.18	7.33	0.17	-5.88
World Allocation (IH)	7.05	6.48	5.62	0.62
World Stock (WS)	9.84	9.40	5.30	-2.18

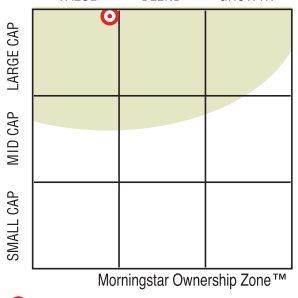
	VALUE	BLEND	GROWTH
LARGE-CAP YTD	9.3 LV	13.4 LB	13.3 LG
LARGE-CAP 1YR	9.7	14.1	8.8
LARGE-CAP 3YR	9.5	11.3	11.4
LARGE-CAP 5YR	-1.8	2.1	1.6
MID-CAP YTD	11.0 MV	12.0 MB	10.1 MG
MID-CAP 1YR	10.2	10.5	3.0
MID-CAP 3YR	11.9	15.8	13.8
MID-CAP 5YR	2.2	3.6	1.1
SMALL-CAP YTD	11.3 SV	9.3 SB	7.7 SG
SMALL-CAP 1YR	10.6	7.2	4.5
SMALL-CAP 3YR	15.0	12.6	14.4
SMALL-CAP 5YR	5.5	2.7	2.1

BOND FUNDS				
Interm-Term Bond (CI)	6.88	7.34	7.07	6.19
Interm. Government (GI)	2.88	3.59	4.89	5.30
High Yield Muni (HM)	13.56	15.30	9.34	4.48
High Yield Bond (HY)	12.04	13.16	10.95	7.33
Muni National Interm (MI)	5.89	7.99	6.14	5.36
Muni National Long (ML)	9.30	11.44	7.40	5.53
Muni Short (MS)	1.93	2.63	2.46	2.82

FundFocus

This fund returned about 20 percent year-to-date through October, in the top 2 percent among its large-cap value peers. It also boasts a gold-medal rating from Morningstar analysts.

Dodge & Cox Stock DODGX



Fund target represents weighted average of stock holdings
Represents 75% of fund's stock holdings

CATEGORY	Large Value
MORNINGSTAR RATING™	★★★☆☆
ASSETS	$39,914 million
EXP RATIO	0.52%
MANAGER	Steven Voorhis
SINCE	2006-05-01
RETURNS 3-MO	+0.5
YTD	+16.1
1-YR	+19.5
3-YR ANNL	+8.7
5-YR-ANNL	-1.1

TOP 5 HOLDINGS	PCT
Wells Fargo & Co	4.37
Capital One Financial Corp	4.3
Comcast Corp Class A	4.26
Merck & Co Inc	3.56
Hewlett-Packard Co	3.39

FUND	NAV	WK CHG	12-MO %RTN
Allianz			
NFJDvVlls	12.38	-.31	+14.4
NFJSmCVls	30.90	-.49	+8.7
American Beacon			
LgCpVlInv	20.00	-.49	+16.2
LgCpVlls	21.12	-.52	+16.6
American Cent			
EqIncInv	7.77	-.13	+13.2
GrowthInv	26.97	-.58	+10.2
InfAdjI	13.55	+.09	+6.9
PremBd	11.30	+.02	+6.1
UltraInv	25.09	-.66	+8.3
American Funds			
AMCAPA m	20.77	-.34	+12.1
BalA m	19.92	-.26	+13.0
BondA m	12.99	+.03	+6.3
CapIncBuA m	52.03	-.65	+11.6
CapWldBdA m	21.53	+.04	+6.1
CpWldGrIA m	35.56	-.63	+13.8
EurPacGrA m	39.34	-.57	+10.0
FnInvA m	39.29	-.74	+14.5
GlbBalA m	26.15	-.27	+10.5
GrthAmA m	32.92	-.63	+14.7
HiIncA m	11.23	-.02	+12.9
IncAmerA m	17.77	-.22	+13.1
IntBdAmA m	13.79	+.01	+2.9
IntlGrInA m	29.66	-.36	+11.0
InvCoAmA m	29.84	-.61	+14.1
LtdTmTxEA m	16.45	+.06	+6.1
MutualA m	27.79	-.52	+13.6
NewEconA m	28.02	-.40	+17.2
NewPerspA m	29.84	-.43	+13.2
NwWrldA m	52.29	-.46	+10.3
STBdFdA m	10.08	-.01	+0.8
SmCpWldA m	38.42	-.63	+14.8
TaxEBdAmA m	13.25	+.08	+11.2
USGovSecA m	14.60	+.02	+3.0
WAMutInvA m	30.48	-.67	+13.5
Artisan			
Intl d	23.21	-.42	+17.0
IntlVal d	28.90	-.29	+16.5
MdCpVal	20.91	-.25	+8.1
MidCap	36.84	-.64	+8.3
BBH			
TaxEffEq d	17.31	-.22	+19.1
Baron			
Growth b	56.86	-.98	+13.1
SmCap b	25.22	-.62	+11.5
Bernstein			
DiversMui	14.96	+.06	+5.3
IntDur	14.30	+.05	+5.9
TxMIntl	13.26	-.28	+4.1
BlackRock			
EqDivA m	19.41	-.44	+12.8
EqDivI	19.45	-.44	+13.0
GlobAlcA m	19.24	-.18	+5.2
GlobAlcC m	17.88	-.17	+4.5
GlobAlcI	19.34	-.19	+5.5
HiYldBdIs	7.95	-.04	+14.9
HiYldInvA m	7.95	-.04	+14.5
Buffalo			
SmallCap d	27.60	-.44	+14.0
Calamos			
GrowA m	49.06	-.94	+1.7
Cohen & Steers			
Realty	66.38	-1.59	+15.9
Columbia			
AcornA m	29.18	-.41	+11.3
AcornIntZ	39.71	-.30	+13.5
AcornZ	30.28	-.42	+11.6
DivIncZ	14.52	-.30	+14.1
DivOppA m	8.52	-.18	+13.1
LgCrQuantA m	6.34	-.18	+15.0
StLgCpGrZ	12.97	-.31	+2.2
TaxEA m	14.41	+.10	+11.5
DFA			
1YrFixInl	10.35	...	+0.8
2YrGlbFII	10.14	+.01	+0.8
5YrGlbFII	11.31	+.03	+3.8
EmMkCrEql	19.02	-.11	+6.1
EmMktVall	28.24	-.19	+3.7
EmMtSmCpI	20.52	+.04	+10.3
EmgMktI	25.96	-.24	+6.1
InfPrtScI	13.05	+.10	+7.5
IntGovFII	13.20	+.09	+4.9
IntSmCapI	14.85	-.32	+9.1
RelEstScI	25.56	-.55	+18.2
USCorEq1I	11.88	-.26	+14.3
USCorEq2I	11.76	-.26	+15.2
USLgCo	10.91	-.26	+14.6
USLgVall	21.88	-.51	+18.7
USMicroI	14.42	-.37	+13.6
USSmVall	26.00	-.58	+16.1
USSmalII	22.58	-.47	+14.2
USTgtVall	16.93	-.35	+14.9
DWS-Scudder			
MgdMuniS	9.65	+.07	+12.4
Davis			
NYVentA m	35.26	-.88	+9.5
NYVentC m	33.82	-.85	+8.7
NYVentY	35.69	-.90	+9.8
Delaware Invest			
DiverIncA m	9.47	+.02	+7.2
Dimensional Investme			
IntCorEql	9.89	-.20	+8.0
IntlSCol	14.99	-.29	+7.5
IntlValul	15.34	-.34	+6.1
Dodge & Cox			
Bal	75.51	-1.16	+16.4
Income	13.94	+.01	+8.0
IntlStk	32.46	-.57	+10.3
Stock	116.40	-2.49	+19.5
DoubleLine			
TotRetBdN b	11.39	+.03	+9.1
Dreyfus			
Apprecia	43.20	-.93	+12.0
Driehaus			
ActiveInc	10.60	...	+7.3
Eaton Vance			
LrgCpValA m	18.93	-.51	+15.0
NatlMuniA m	10.33	+.06	+17.0
PaTxMgEMI d	46.51	-.40	+7.6
FMI			
LgCap	16.62	-.23	+13.1
FPA			
Cres d	28.31	-.29	+7.9
NewInc m	10.63	...	+2.2
Fairholme Funds			
Fairhome d	30.63	-.66	+22.8
Federated			
KaufmanR m	5.15	-.12	+10.6
StrVall	4.94	-.12	+10.7
ToRetIs	11.67	+.03	+7.2
Fidelity			
AstMgr20	13.31	-.03	+6.2
AstMgr50	16.14	-.14	+9.0
Bal	19.79	-.26	+11.1
BlChGrow	47.53	-1.22	+10.4
Canada d	52.94	-1.04	+4.5
CapApr	28.78	-.47	+16.9
CapInc d	9.34	-.01	+13.1
Contra	75.21	-1.71	+11.0
DiscEq	23.98	-.48	+14.0
DivGrow	29.04	-.70	+13.6
DivrIntl d	28.72	-.46	+9.9
EqInc	45.84	-1.14	+17.4
EqInc II	19.08	-.46	+17.1
FF2015	11.80	-.10	+8.5
FF2035	11.63	-.17	+10.7
FF2040	8.11	-.12	+10.7
Fidelity	34.77	-.75	+13.1
FltRtHiIn d	9.93	...	+6.1
Free2010	14.12	-.12	+8.3
Free2020	14.26	-.14	+9.2
Free2025	11.84	-.14	+10.0
Free2030	14.09	-.18	+10.4
GNMA	11.79	-.04	+3.7
GovtInc	10.66	+.03	+3.7
GrowCo	91.56	-2.23	+12.0
GrowInc	20.50	-.52	+18.7
HiInc d	9.25	-.05	+13.6
Indepndnc	24.56	-.54	+9.3
InfProtBd	13.64	+.11	+6.8
IntBond	11.18	+.02	+5.3
IntMuniInc d	10.73	+.06	+7.1
IntlDisc d	31.48	-.56	+12.0
InvGrdBd	8.03	+.02	+7.1
LevCoSt d	30.17	-.48	+21.5
LowPriStk d	38.37	-.61	+13.0
MAMuInc d	12.89	+.12	+9.9
MIMuInc d	12.62	+.07	+8.3
Magellan	71.25	-1.74	+13.1
MidCap d	28.87	-.48	+11.6
MuniInc d	13.66	+.09	+10.1
NewMktIn d	17.77	+.04	+17.5
OTC	56.45	-1.84	+0.1
Puritan	19.13	-.27	+11.9
RealInv d	31.00	-.68	+19.1
RelEstInc d	11.45	-.07	+19.6
Series100Idx	9.91	-.26	+16.4
ShIntMu d	10.90	+.02	+3.4
ShTmBond	8.60	...	+2.2
SmCapRetr d	22.80	-.46	+21.4
SmCapStk d	17.30	-.34	+7.5
StratInc	11.40	+.02	+9.5
TaxFrB d	11.79	+.08	+10.5
TotalBd	11.06	+.02	+7.2
USBdIdx	11.97	+.03	+5.0
USBdIdx	11.97	+.03	+5.0
USBdIdxInv	11.97	+.03	+4.9
Value	72.75	-1.77	+16.9
Fidelity Advisor			
AstMgr70	17.04	-.22	+10.3
NewInsA m	21.92	-.49	+10.5
NewInsI	22.23	-.50	+10.8
StratIncA m	12.73	+.02	+9.2
StratIncI	12.88	+.02	+9.4
Fidelity Select			
Biotech d	104.71	-1.67	+43.0
Gold d	40.73	+.92	-17.7
HealtCar d	140.17	-3.09	+24.3
Fidelity Spartan			
500IdxAdvtg	49.00	-1.16	+14.8
500IdxInstl	49.00	-1.16	+14.8
500IdxInv	49.00	-1.16	+14.7
ExtMktIdAg d	39.00	-.82	+13.4
IntlIdxAdg d	32.62	-.65	+9.1
IntlIdxIn d	32.60	-.64	+9.0
TotMktIdAg d	40.22	-.93	+14.5
TotMktIdI d	40.21	-.94	+14.5
First American			
RealY	21.11	-.47	+19.0
First Eagle			
GlbA m	48.57	-.69	+7.9
OverseasA m	21.99	-.24	+5.6
Forum			
AbStratI	11.20	+.02	+1.8
FrankTemp-Frank			
Fed TF A m	12.85	+.11	+11.2
FrankTemp-Franklin			
CA TF A m	7.58	+.06	+12.7
Growth A m	48.64	-.73	+10.9
HY TF A m	11.03	+.08	+13.5
HighInc A m	2.05	-.01	+13.9
Income A m	2.18	-.03	+11.9
Income C m	2.20	-.04	+11.8
IncomeAdv	2.16	-.04	+12.2
InsTF A m	12.72	+.09	+10.0
NY TF A m	12.24	+.09	+8.6
RisDv A m	36.86	-.54	+10.5
StrInc A m	10.68	-.01	+10.4
TotalRetA m	10.55	+.02	+8.3
US Gov A m	6.82	-.03	+2.3
US Gov C m	6.78	-.02	+1.8
Utils A m	13.44	-.58	+8.2
FrankTemp-Mutual			
Discov A m	29.24	-.52	+12.5
Discov Z	29.68	-.52	+12.9
QuestZ	17.50	-.21	+12.1
Shares A m	21.86	-.36	+14.6
Shares Z	22.08	-.36	+15.0
FrankTemp-Templeton			
Fgn A m	6.43	-.16	+7.1
GlBond A m	13.47	-.05	+10.4
GlBond C m	13.49	-.06	+10.0
GlBondAdv	13.42	-.06	+10.7
Growth A m	18.45	-.42	+

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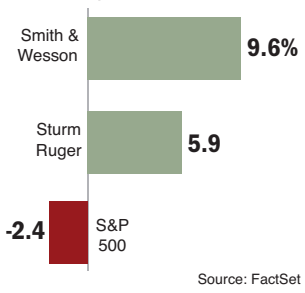
OFF WITH A BANG
The day after the presidential election was a terrible day for stocks, except for those of gun makers. Smith & Wesson (SWHC) and Sturm Ruger (RGR) both jumped more than 5 percent Wednesday. It's reminiscent of four years ago when President Obama won his first term, and gun stocks rose on expectations that sales would surge. Gun owners worry that the Democrat would enact tougher gun regulations and want to buy guns beforehand. Such "political" buying could continue into next year, Benchmark analyst Mike Greene says. He has "Buy" ratings on both gun makers.

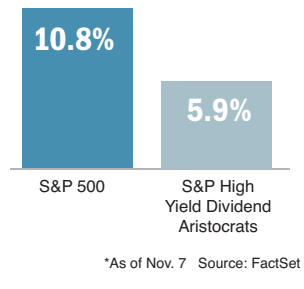
Wednesday's price move:



Source: FactSet

DIVIDENDS DULLED
If you owned an S&P 500 index mutual fund last year, you saw the importance of dividends. The index was flat in 2011, which means all of the 2.1 percent return that investors got was from dividends. But this year is different. Stocks that don't pay dividends have done better than payers. The best stock in the S&P 500 so far this year is PulteGroup (PHM), which doesn't pay a dividend. Neither does the No. 2 stock, Sprint Nextel (S). The reason may be that investors are worried about the threat of rising taxes next year on dividend income, which means less demand for dividend stocks, says S&P Capital IQ strategist Sam Stovall.

2012 performance*



*As of Nov. 7 Source: FactSet

HEALTHIER 401(k)S
Workers' 401(k) accounts are the healthiest they've ever been. That's according to Fidelity Investments, which said that 401(k) accounts had an average balance of $75,900 at the end of September. That's the highest it's been since the company began tracking the data in 2000. Not only did workers benefit from a 27 percent rise in the S&P 500 over the 12 months through Sept. 30, they also contributed more of their pay. Fidelity found that 5 percent of participants increased their contribution rate during the quarter, and only 3 percent reduced theirs.

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RH's restoration

Restoration Hardware's stock is up 38 percent since last week's initial public offering, its return to the market after going private in 2008. This fall, the high-end furniture retailer rebranded itself as "RH".

Financial analysts are impressed with the reinvented company's progress. From fiscal 2009 to 2011 it increased revenue by 53 percent. The company was in trouble during the recession, but underwent a makeover by slashing its mall locations and targeting high net-worth consumers. It plans to open in 50 new markets over the next 7 to 10 years.

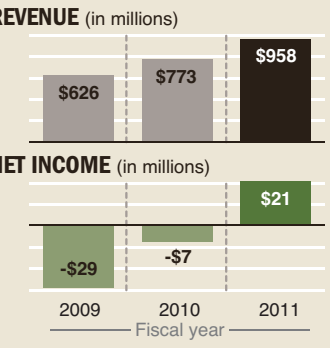
RH also had to overcome a scandal when Gary Friedman, the public face of the chain, resigned as chairman and co-CEO in August, after an internal inquiry into an alleged relationship with a company employee. He remains a key adviser.

Source: FactSet

Restoration Hardware (RH)
Thursday's close: **$33.08**

IPO price (last Friday): $24
Founded: 1980 **Stores:** 87 (U.S. & Canada)
Headquarters: Corte Madera, Calif.
Competitors: Williams-Sonoma (WSM), Crate & Barrel (private), Ethan Allen (ETH)

REVENUE (in millions)



NET INCOME (in millions)

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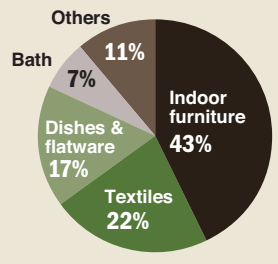

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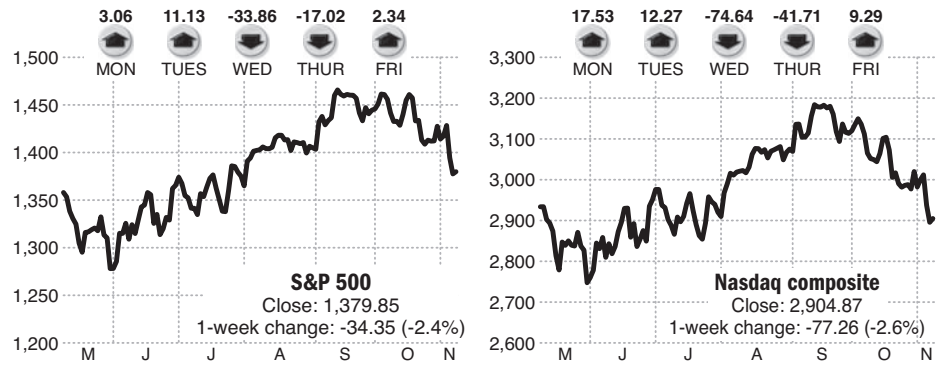


WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
13661.72	11231.56	Dow Jones industrial average	13290.75	12743.39	12815.39	-277.77	-2.1	▼	▼	+4.9	+5.4
5390.11	4531.79	Dow Jones transportation	5213.49	5014.11	5018.28	-91.89	-1.8	▼	▼	-0.0	+0.8
499.82	422.90	Dow Jones Utilities	469.34	447.66	448.11	-21.67	-4.6	▼	▼	-3.6	-1.1
8515.60	6898.12	NYSE Comp.	8329.22	8014.09	8053.56	-181.35	-2.2	▼	▲	+7.7	+6.3
5095.41	4160.63	NYSE International	4938.52	4776.16	4797.29	-102.18	-2.1	▼	▲	+5.0	+1.8
2878.38	2150.71	Nasdaq 100	2696.46	2571.86	2584.10	-72.18	-2.7	▼	▼	+13.5	+9.7
3196.93	2441.48	Nasdaq Comp.	3024.44	2889.81	2904.87	-77.26	-2.6	▼	▼	+11.5	+8.4
1474.51	1158.66	S&P 500	1433.38	1373.03	1379.85	-34.35	-2.4	▼	▼	+9.7	+9.2
1030.00	812.43	S&P MidCapS&P MidCap	1004.54	964.72	969.82	-17.98	-1.8	▼	▲	+10.3	+8.7
15432.54	12158.90	Wilshire 5000	14985.14	14368.16	14436.65	-357.87	-2.4	▼	▼	+9.5	+8.7
868.50	666.16	Russell 2000	826.89	789.25	795.02	-19.35	-2.4	▼	▼	+7.3	+6.8
276.56	217.60	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	276.56	267.65	270.27	-4.58	-1.7	▲	▲	+10.5	+12.2
5989.07	5075.22	FTSE 100	5921.78	5715.23	5769.68	-98.87	-1.7	▼	▼	+3.5	+4.0

TheMainEvent For the week of November 12

A tech bellwether reports

Cisco Systems is the world's biggest maker of equipment used in computer networking, so investors pay attention to what it says.

Its revenue tends to rise and fall with the global economy, and investors see its results as a window into the world's economic strength. Many also wait in particular for what Chief Executive John Chambers has to say about economic trends.

Three months ago, Chambers warned that orders from Europe were weak given the region's economic struggles and that Cisco expects Europe to remain "very challenging" for several quarters.

The technology giant will report its latest quarterly results on Tuesday, and financial analysts say to expe Chambers to again sou cautious. Europe, which accounts for 19 percent of Cisco's revenue, is st weak.

In the U.S., worries a high that gridlock in Washington will prevent compromise that would keep the economy from falling off the fiscal cliff c tax hikes and governme spending cuts schedule for next year.

Cisco Systems (CSCO)
Cisco has swung up and down this year on worries that the weak global economy will drag down revenue.

SOURCE: FactSet

Stock Screener

Potential Obama winners

Investors' first reaction to President Obama's win on Election Day was to sell.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell to its biggest loss of the year Wednesday, driven down by worries about pending tax hikes and spending cuts, as well as concerns about Europe's debt crisis.

But some stocks appear likely to benefit from a second term for President Obama. Here are several that financial analysts at Credit Suisse suggest.

Clean energy: Obama's victory likely means that tax credits for solar power will be extended. Credit Suisse highlighted First Solar, MEMC Electronic Materials, SunPower and Yingli Green Energy in particular because they do more of their business in the United States, rather than abroad. That means they'll get more of a benefit from the continuation of U.S. tax credits than rivals.

Retailers: CVS Caremark, Rite Aid and Walgreen could benefit from increased sales of prescription drugs due to the new health care law.

COMPANY	PREVIOUS CLOSE	52-WEEK LOW	52-WEEK HIGH	1-YR STOCK CHANGE	AVG. BROKER RATING*
CVS Caremark (CVS)	$46.69	$36	$49	19%	1.2
Cabela's (CAB)	46.12	22	57	74	1.6
Walgreen (WAG)	33.44	29	37	-1	1.7
MEMC Elect. Materials (WFR)	2.39	1	6	-53	1.8
Rite Aid (RAD)	1.09	1	2	-4	1.8
First Solar (FSLR)	23.67	11	52	-49	2.1
Yingli Green Energy (YGE)	1.71	1	6	-56	2.1
SunPower (SPWR)	4.57	4	10	-50	2.2

Data through Nov. 7 *1=buy; 2=hold; 3=sell Source: FactSet

Yields fall again

InterestRates

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell back below 1.7 percent last week, keeping rates on various kinds of consumer loans low. The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage was 3.4 percent last week, according to Freddie Mac. That's close to its record low of 3.36 percent, which was set in October. The average rate on a 15-year fixed mortgage was 2.69 percent.

	PRIME RATE	FED FUNDS
FRIDAY	3.25	.13
6 MOS AGO	3.25	.13
1 YR AGO	3.25	.13

Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	0.01		
Direxion US Govt MMF/Cl A	0.13	$ 25,000 min	(800) 851-0511
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.01		
Alpine Municipal MMF/Inv	0.10	$ 2,500 min	(888) 785-5578

U.S. BOND INDEXES	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
Broad market Lehman	1.67	-0.07	▲	▼	-0.65	2.45	1.56
Triple-A corporate Moody's	3.42	-0.12	▬	▼	-0.42	4.18	3.22
Corp. Inv. Grade Lehman	2.64	-0.05	▼	▼	-1.00	3.97	2.64
Municipal Bond Buyer	4.14	0.00	▼	▼	-0.86	5.05	4.13
U.S. high yield Barclays	6.48	0.02	▲	▼	-2.00	9.06	6.15
Treasury Barclays	0.92	-0.09	▼	▼	-0.19	1.34	0.80

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
3-month T-Bill	0.09	0.00	▼	▼	0.08	0.12	
1-year T-Bill	0.20	-0.01	▼	▼	0.07	0.25	0.10
6-month T-Bill	0.14	0.00	▼	▲	0.12	0.15	0.02
2-year T-Note	0.26	-0.02	▼	▼	0.03	0.40	0.21
5-year T-Note	0.64	-0.08	▼	▼	-0.27	1.20	0.54
10-year T-Note	1.61	-0.11	▼	▼	-0.45	2.38	1.39
30-year T-Bond	2.74	-0.17	▼	▼	-0.37	3.48	2.45

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar rose at one point to its highest level against the euro Since Sept. 7. The dollar also rose against the British pound and was little changed against the Japanese yen.

MAJORS	CLOSE	CH.	%CH.	6MO.	1YR.
USD per British Pound	1.5903	-.0078	-.49%	1.6142	1.5917
Canadian Dollar	1.0004	+.0006	+.06%	1.0012	1.0228
USD per Euro	1.2713	-.0037	-.29%	1.2945	1.3540
Japanese Yen	79.45	+.07	+.09%	79.68	77.85
Mexican Peso	13.1901	+.0496	+.38%	13.4547	13.6603
EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST					
Israeli Shekel	3.9104	+.0140	+.36%	3.8220	3.7269
Norwegian Krone	5.7383	+.0121	+.21%	5.8274	5.7399
South African Rand	8.7039	-.0043	-.05%	7.9858	8.0555
Swedish Krona	6.7392	+.0573	+.85%	6.8759	6.6952
Swiss Franc	.9487	+.0030	+.32%	.9277	.9097
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	.9624	+.0019	+.20%	.9938	.9855
Chinese Yuan	6.2411	-.0216	-.35%	6.3108	6.3432
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7513	-.0001	-.00%	7.7636	7.7733
Indian Rupee	54.685	+.250	+.46%	53.755	50.060
Singapore Dollar	1.2240	+.0001	+.01%	1.2526	1.2894
South Korean Won	1088.70	-1.40	-.13%	1140.45	1119.15
Taiwan Dollar	29.02	-.10	-.34%	29.36	30.10

Commodities

Soybeans fell on easing supply concerns. The government raised its forecast for soybean supplies due to stronger production. When a commodity's supply rises, its price tends to fall.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	86.07	85.09	+1.15	-12.9
Ethanol (gal)	2.38	2.37	+0.04	+8.3
Heating Oil (gal)	3.01	2.96	+1.70	+2.4
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.50	3.61	-2.91	+17.2
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.70	2.61	+3.52	+0.5
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Gold (oz)	1730.30	1725.40	+0.28	+10.5
Silver (oz)	32.59	32.23	+1.11	+16.9
Platinum (oz)	1559.40	1542.50	+1.10	+11.4
Copper (lb)	3.45	3.47	-0.61	+0.5
Palladium (oz)	610.25	613.55	-0.54	-6.9
AGRICULTURE	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Cattle (lb)	1.26	1.25	+0.26	+2.3
Coffee (lb)	1.50	1.51	-0.99	-33.9
Corn (bu)	7.39	7.41	-0.34	+14.3
Cotton (lb)	0.70	0.69	+0.46	-24.2
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	325.00	314.00	+3.50	+31.5
Orange Juice (lb)	1.07	1.09	-1.84	-36.7
Soybeans (bu)	14.52	14.99	-3.15	+21.2
Wheat (bu)	8.87	9.03	-1.77	+35.8

BEHIND THE BRAND TUPPERWARE (TUP)

Enduring shelf life

It's perhaps the most novel and enduring sales strategy: The Tupperware party.

People have been hosting gatherings to hawk food-storage containers under the Tupperware brand for more than 60 years.

Inventor Earl S. Tupper went with the concept after he failed to sell his wares in stores.

The direct-sales approach, now employed by a sales force of 2.6 million across nearly 100 nations, continues to pay off for Tupperware Brands.

Tupperware's profit has increased 18 percent over the past four years, with strong growth coming from emerging markets, which now account for two-thirds of its revenue.

That's been a boon for the company, particularly when the dollar was weaker against other currencies. When the reverse is true, that can cause overseas revenue to translate into fewer dollars.

Even so, Tupperware's worldwide sales last year totaled $2.6 billion. And last month, the company raised its profit outlook for the year.

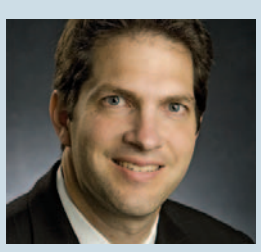
Its stock, meanwhile, is up 9 percent this year.

Thursday's close: **$61.03**
Price-earnings ratio: **17**
(based on last 12 mos.)
52-week price range
$51 – $65
1-yr. stock change: **12%**
1-yr. S&P 500 change: **8%**
Market value: **$3.4 billion**
2011 revenue: **$2.6 billion**
Avg. broker rating:
SELL HOLD BUY

Source: FactSet Data through Nov. 8 Alex Veiga, Jenni Sohn • AP

Building safety

Insider Q&A



Joshua Duitz

Title: Portfolio Manager, Alpine Global Infrastructure fund (AIAFX)

What he suggests: Infrastructure stocks can help protect against inflation

When U.S. investors think of infrastructure stocks, many think of construction or engineering firms. But in other countries, they include the owners of everything from airports to seaports to toll roads. Joshua Duitz says these companies often see their revenue rise with inflation, and they can have steadier earnings.

What kinds of stocks do you own?
I like to own the owners of infrastructure. If you look at toll roads here, most are owned by the government. But when you look across the globe, there are many roads that have been privatized. The beauty of owning a toll road is that once you build it, all the incremental traffic that comes on the toll road basically goes straight to the bottom line.

Generally they're inflation-protected assets. You get to raise your tolls with inflation. And, generally, in developed markets, traffic has grown with (economic growth). In emerging markets, where people are buying cars for the first time, traffic has grown 1.5 times GDP.

And it's not just toll roads that have been privatized. We own airports, ports. What we're trying to find are defensive companies that pay dividends.

How big are the dividends?
Our fund yields about 4 percent.

But if your fund is in mostly non-U.S. stocks, those dividends are paid in other currencies. Isn't that a risk?
It's certainly part of the equation. We do hedge currencies to a certain degree. We hedge part of our euro currency right now. We're also looking to invest in areas with higher growth, where we feel their currency will grow over time. In Brazil, we are not hedged for example.

The portfolio is roughly 35 percent emerging markets, 30 percent U.S. and 35 percent in other developed markets.

Governments around the world are strapped. How will that affect the industry?
Governments can no longer afford to spend on infrastructure, so you need private companies to step in. In October, a new road opened in Texas, State Highway 130. One of the companies we own, Ferrovial, they built that road. They were a 50 percent partner with Zachry American Infrastructure. The speed limit is 85 miles per hour, and now they have a concession.

Ferrovial is a Spanish company. You're not worried about the effect of Europe's debt crisis?
It's a Spanish company listed on the Spanish exchange. But they also own BAA, which owns Heathrow airport. They also own the 407 (toll road) in Canada. Over the past couple of years, when everyone was worried about Spain, this company would get hit because people viewed it as a Spanish company. But their assets, their growth is not in Spain. So it presented a great buying opportunity.

Answers edited for content and clarity.

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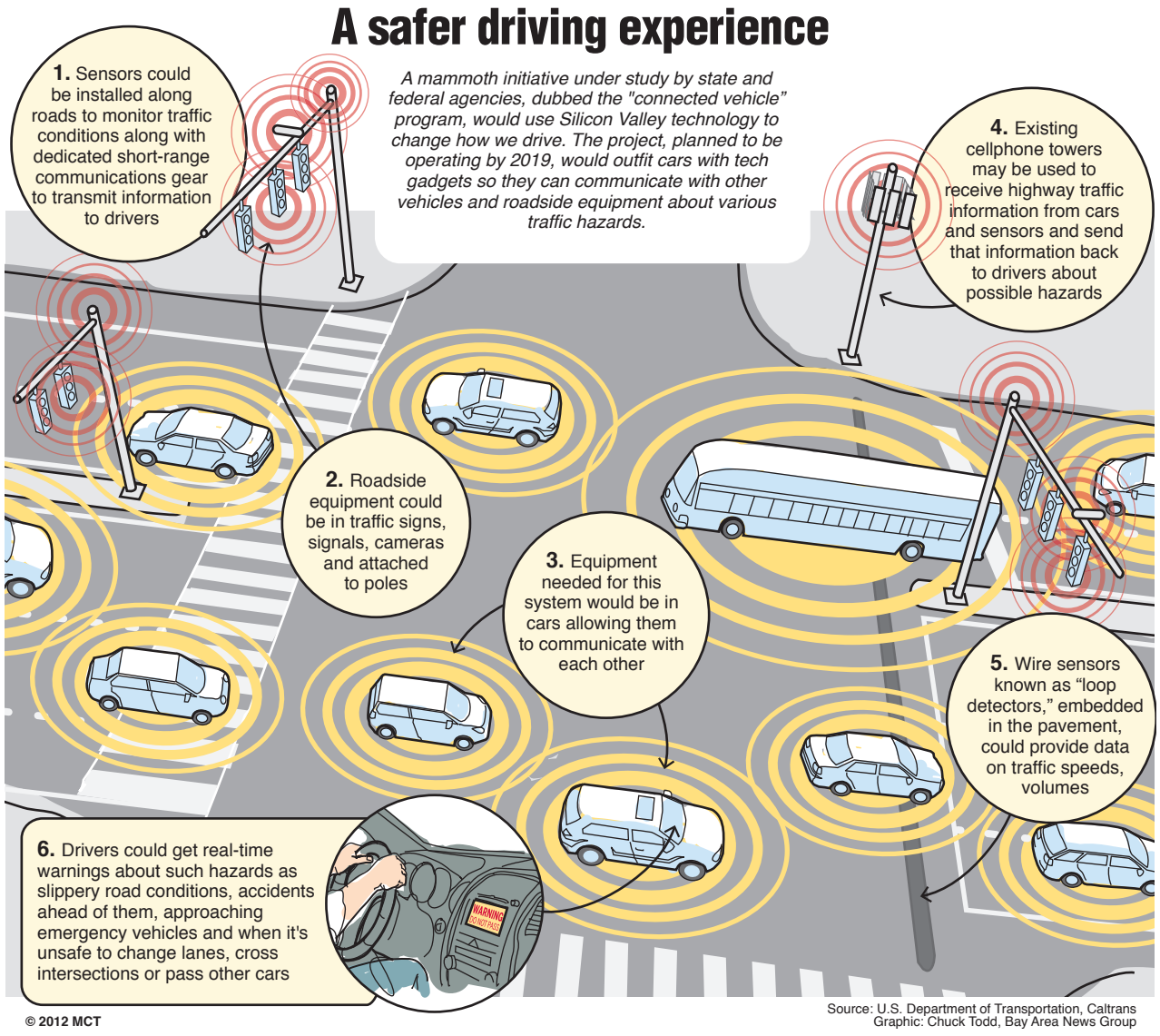
A safer driving experience
A mammoth initiative under study by state and federal agencies, dubbed the "connected vehicle" program, would use Silicon Valley technology to change how we drive. The project, planned to be operating by 2019, would outfit cars with tech gadgets so they can communicate with other vehicles and roadside equipment about various traffic hazards.
1. Sensors could be installed along roads to monitor traffic conditions along with dedicated short-range communications gear to transmit information to drivers
2. Roadside equipment could be in traffic signs, signals, cameras and attached to poles
3. Equipment needed for this system would be in cars allowing them to communicate with each other
4. Existing cellphone towers may be used to receive highway traffic information from cars and sensors and send that information back to drivers about possible hazards
5. Wire sensors known as "loop detectors," embedded in the pavement, could provide data on traffic speeds, volumes
6. Drivers could get real-time warnings about such hazards as slippery road conditions, accidents ahead of them, approaching emergency vehicles and when it's unsafe to change lanes, cross intersections or pass other cars
WARNING DO NOT PASS
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Graphic: Chuck Todd, Bay Area News Group

CARS

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devices, Larson added.

By being electronically alerted about hazards, transportation officials believe, drivers could slow down or otherwise maneuver to avoid them. And if an accident did happen, they say, it might be possible to instantly relay key information about the mishap to emergency personnel. That could include where it occurred, how fast the vehicles were traveling, if air bags were triggered and the passengers' medical histories in case they were injured.

Another option being considered is to enable the system to warn blind pedestrians when it's unsafe to cross streets.

Although details on how this would work have yet to be decided, connecting cars, stop lights, highway cameras, pavement sensors and other traffic-related gear would likely require an array of new products, including microchips, routers, servers and software.

It's unclear how much of that would need to be installed along streets and highways. Some experts believe it would have to be extensive, while others contend cars could be made smart enough to spot dangers and warn other vehicles in their vicinity – possibly via cellphones – without needing much information from roadway equipment.

Potentially troublesome issues to be resolved include how to warn drivers without dangerously distracting them, how to prevent hackers from disrupting the system, and how to standardize the different gear that automakers and government agencies might use so it all functions seamlessly.

Another concern is what such a system might cost. Experts have been vague about that. But the tab for just upgrading the microcontroller chips in traffic signals nationwide could total more than $400 million, according to a study by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

A Clemson University group has proposed partly covering the cost by charging businesses a fee to send advertisements to connected cars. But if the system works as intended, many experts believe, it could save money by averting most of the 6 million crashes that happen annually at a cost federal authorities estimate at $230 billion.

The project also could be a boon to some tech companies.

Intel Corp. "is actively working with the auto industry to make the connected car vision a reality today," said the chipmaker's spokeswoman Krystal Temple. Intel recently created a $100 million fund to study connected-car technologies and opened an automotive engineering site in Germany. One of its vice presidents sits on a federal advisory committee for the proposed system.

Another company helping car companies and others plan for the effort is Cisco Systems, which makes routers and other information networking gear. The concept could represent a $2 billion to $6 billion revenue opportunity for the company, according to Helder Antunes, Cisco's managing director of smart connected vehicles.

Because of the social benefits that would result from linking motorists, "this will accelerate faster than most people think," he said. "It's coming."

SHOPPING

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among the first to get early access to special Black Friday store items to buy online and via the mobile app.

Meanwhile, Kohl's Facebook fans will receive exclusive savings during the holidays through Friday flash sales.

Spread out the shopping: The hoopla isn't just limited to Black Friday anymore. It's further creeping into Thanksgiving, which falls on Nov. 22. But what's new this year is that a number of stores are now allowing shoppers to actually buy the early-bird specials even earlier in the week.

Macy's, Kohl's Co. and Best Buy Co. will open again at midnight following Thanksgiving. For the first time, department store chain Lord & Taylor is opening on Thanksgiving, starting at 10 a.m. New this year at Kohl's: Its online shoppers will be able to buy all early-morning specials on Nov. 21, and like last year all day on Thanksgiving.

Sears Holdings Corp. said its Sears stores will open at 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving and will stay open overnight until 10 p.m. Friday. For the first time, Sears will allow members of its free loyalty club called Shop Your Way to buy some of the early-bird specials online as early as Sunday, Nov. 18.

Wal-Mart will start its first Black Friday sale at 8 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, two hours earlier than last year. It then will have two more rounds of sales events, including a 10 p.m. sale on electronics and another sale at 5 a.m.

Wal-Mart is also guaranteeing shoppers that it will have three of the most popular items if they are in line inside the store between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The three: an Apple iPad 2 for with Wi-Fi plus a $75 Wal-Mart gift card for $399; an Emerson 32-inch LCD TV for $148 and an LG Blu-ray player for $38.

Keep your receipts: With a growing number of stores like Target Corp. offering price matching with certain online rivals like Amazon.com, you may find a better deal later and will have an easier time returning the more expensive item.

CLIFF

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mean laying off workers or trimming salaries.

And compared with a year ago, the earnings and revenue growth is downright anemic. In the third quarter of 2011, earnings grew more than 17 percent over the previous year, according to S&P Capital IQ. Revenue was up more than 11 percent.

Still, if companies managed to increase profits during a slow economic recovery, they should have no trouble doing it if the economy really picks up.

The China machine

You can't consider the future of the world economy, and therefore the future of the U.S. stock market, without considering China, the world's second-largest economy behind the United States.

You've probably heard that the Chinese economy has slowed. But it's still expanding at an annual rate of 7.4 percent, more than triple the U.S. rate, and far better than the contraction in most of Europe.

China's middle class is big and getting bigger. That makes it more expensive for U.S. companies to produce goods there because of higher living standards, but it also means more customers for American companies to sell things to.

Adrian Day, president of Adrian Day Asset Management in Annapolis, Md., says he's optimistic on China, though it's not without risks. Young people moving en masse from the country to the city can fuel social tensions, and the country's rules still prove baffling or impenetrable for many foreign investors.

"However pessimistic people are about China," Day says, "China's economy is still growing."

Dry powder

One popular theory for why the economy is set to improve: Companies hoarded money during the financial crisis and now sit on record piles of cash. The Fed says nonfinancial companies hold about $1.7 trillion in cash and other liquid assets.

Companies have cut back spending on machinery, tools, software and other so-called capital goods, resulting in the slowest growth in "capital stock" in nearly 50 years, notes Michelle Meyer, the U.S. economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Pent-up demand from corporations could turn into spending in the spring and pick up through next year.

Jeremy Zirin, chief equity strategist at UBS Wealth Management, says the cash heap is the "dry powder" that will fuel growth.

A major caveat: Market watchers have been talking about companies sitting on cash for a long time. The amount has been roughly the same nearly three years, and nothing so far has convinced companies to spend it liberally.

Netflix has challenges on path to dominance of 'Internet TV' model

By TROY WOLVERTON
San Jose Mercury News

Depending on whom you ask, Netflix is either a company that's poised for a remarkable resurgence or a washed-up has-been whose best days are behind it.

While both sides have a legitimate case to make, corporate raider Carl Icahn is betting on a rebound.

While they're at odds with Icahn, Netflix's managers – and some analysts – are optimistic about the company's prospects. The company is basically inventing what it calls "Internet television," getting smarter about how it operates and is investing in international markets to position itself for long-term growth.

"Internet TV is the future of television, and we are leading the charge," Reed Hastings and David Wells, Netflix's chief executive and chief financial officers, respectively, said in a letter to shareholders last month.

But other analysts and investors question Netflix's long-term prospects and its ability to ever resume the heady growth it recorded for much of the past decade. They see a company struggling to control the costs of its streaming business while letting its older but highly profitable DVD business wither away.

Netflix's management is very clear about the company's strategy, "but I don't think it's a good one," said Michael Pachter, a financial analyst who covers the company for Wedbush Securities, adding that he sees only two paths ahead: It's either going to be "a high-growth, unprofitable business or a low-growth profitable one."

The future prospects of the streaming video company have been much debated in the wake of Icahn's move last week to take a 10 percent stake in the Los Gatos, Calif., company. Icahn said Netflix was undervalued and could be worth more if it were sold to another company. Other investors seemed to agree – or at least hoped – that Icahn's involvement could juice the stock, and Netflix shares soared immediately after.

Netflix's shares have been in the dumps since last year when the company stumbled through a succession of setbacks. It angered users with a price increase and a later-aborted attempt to sever its DVD business. Then it turned off investors by announcing an aggressive international expansion that would depress profits.

For optimists, the company's struggles are simply an indication of the challenging task the company has taken on: transforming its business from a largely subscription DVD service focused on the United States market to an international streaming video provider. They see a company that is positioning itself well in that new market.

But critics question the company's strategy. In the last year, the DVD service has lost more than a third of its subscribers, and its quarterly revenue has fallen by $100 million over the last three quarters.

Meanwhile, Pachter and others see huge challenges for Netflix on the streaming front. Netflix owes $5 billion in coming years to Hollywood studios for the movies and TV shows it offers. Although that amount plateaued in the recent quarter, it skyrocketed early last year, and analysts warn that it could jump in the future.

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Still Time to Set Up Owner only 401(k) for 2012

If you're a small-business owner, with no full-time employees (except possibly your spouse or business partner), you're probably used to taking care of just about everything on your own. So, if you're thinking of establishing a retirement plan — and you should — you might also be attracted to "going solo" with an "Owner-only" 401(k).

An Owner-only 401(k), sometimes known as an Individual 401(k), has been around for a few years now, and has proven quite popular — and with good reason. This plan is easy to establish, easy to administer and, most importantly, gives you many of the same benefits enjoyed by employees of a company that offers a traditional 401(k) plan.

These benefits include the following:

• Tax deferred earnings — Your earnings aren't taxed as they accumulate.

• Tax deductible contributions — An Owner-only 401(k) consists of two components — salary deferral and profit sharing contributions, both of which are generally 100 percent tax deductible. If you choose to make Roth salary deferrals to your Owner-only 401(k), your contributions aren't deductible, but you won't pay taxes on your earnings, provided you don't take withdrawals until you're 59-1/2 and it's been five years since your first year of Roth deferral.

• Variety of investment choices — You can choose to fund your Owner-only 401(k) with a wide range of investments. And you can construct an investment mix that's appropriate for your risk tolerance and long-term goals.

Furthermore, an Owner-only 401(k) can potentially allow you to make greater contributions, at an identical income level, than other small-business retirement plans, such as a SEP IRA. In 2012, you can defer up to $17,000, or $22,500 if you're 50 or older (as long as you don't exceed 100 percent of your income). Then, in addition, you can make a profit-sharing contribution equal to 25 percent of your income (slightly less if you are unincorporated). So, by combining the salary deferral and profit-sharing components, you can potentially contribute up to $50,000 to your Owner-only 401(k) in 2012, or $55,000 if you're 50 or older. And these figures are doubled if your spouse also contributes to the Owner-only 401(k).

However, you're not obligated to contribute anything to your plan. So, if your business is slow one year, you might scale back your contributions, or put in nothing at all. Then, when business picks up again, you can get back toward contributing whatever you can afford, up to the maximum.

Clearly, the Owner-only 401(k) can offer you some key advantages in building resources for retirement. But it's not the only small-business retirement plan on the market, so, before you make a decision, you may want to consult with your tax and financial advisors to determine if an Owner-only 401(k) is indeed the right plan for you.

But don't wait too long. You'll have to establish your Owner-only 401(k) by Dec. 31 if you want to receive any tax deductions for 2012. And in any case, the sooner you start putting money away, the faster the progress you will make toward the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

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‘Five second rule’ leaves bad taste

We’ve never abided by the “five second rule,” the rule that says if food hasn’t been on the floor longer than five seconds it’s safe to eat. We use a slide rule. We go from five to 10, 15 seconds, or even the day after.

If it’s chocolate, there is no time limit. Pick it up and have a look.

Lori Borgman

As for a recognizable bit of a cookie, sometimes it’s easier to pop it in your mouth than walk to the trash can. Oh, don’t tell me you’ve never done it. I’m smarter than that. Remember, I use a slide rule.

There is a direct correlation between willingness to eat something that has fallen on the floor and the desirability of the food. I’ve yet to see a kid scream, “Five second rule!” when cauliflower hits the floor. Right now, I could probably assemble an entire vegetable medley with bits and pieces the grandbabies have left under the kitchen table.

Despite the obvious – that food on the floor will pick up germs – researchers at San Diego State University, partnering with Clorox, conducted a study on the “five second rule” and found it to be bogus.

A study always implies government funds somewhere. Such a shame. I wish they would have called. I could have saved them a lot of time and money. Of course “the five second rule” is bogus. But it is a way to build immunity.

The most interesting finding from the study was that the dirtiest surface is not the bare floor or the carpet, but the countertop. That’s really disgusting, especially when you consider how much food we eat off our countertops.

In the interest of saving researchers’ time and preventing other unnecessary studies, let’s examine some other common myths.

“If you cross your eyes, they’ll stick that way.” Not true. Of course, if some research team wants to assemble thousands of 7-year-old children to test it, I’d love to watch.

“Scaring someone will stop the hiccups.” It will not. But that doesn’t mean it isn’t fun to try.

“You can’t make taffy on a humid day.” Actually, that one does have some truth to it, although I’d feel better if a team at Harvard put it to the test.

“It’s OK to double dip in the chip dip.” Maybe at the frat house, but not at this house. You’re welcome to eat a chip off the floor, but don’t double dip with it.

“Throwing salt over your

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THE HOME FRONT

H-P file photo

During World War II, German prisoners of war were kept at the Benton Harbor Naval Armory, seen here in this late 1980s photo.

Book by Benton Harbor native paints picture of area during World War II

By JEREMY D. BONFIGLIO
H-P Features Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Gene Mandarino remembers growing up in the only Italian family living in a predominately German immigrant neighborhood on the east side of Benton Harbor.

He remembers how the guttural sounds of the language differed so much from the singsongy phrasing of the Italian that his parents, Vincenzo and Rosie, spoke at home. He recalls the smells of sauerkraut and how the neighbors would gather outside in puzzlement at the spirited after-dinner family gatherings on the front porch of their home.

“The cultures were very different,” Mandarino says by telephone from his home in the Chicago suburb of Palatine, Ill. “Some of the kids taunted us. They’d call us spaghetti benders and worse. But I think the conflict – the war – threw us all in the same box and we all came out as Americans.”

Mandarino recounts both in words and illustrations how the war, World War II, changed the local landscape in “The Home Front: A Small Boy’s Sketchy Recollection of the Big War.” The book, which will be available today as part of Lest

Gene Mandarino

We Forget’s Veterans’ Day Tribute at Lake Michigan College’s Mendel Center, details everything from the sudden exodus of young men in the community to the German prisoners of war held at the Benton Harbor Naval Armory.

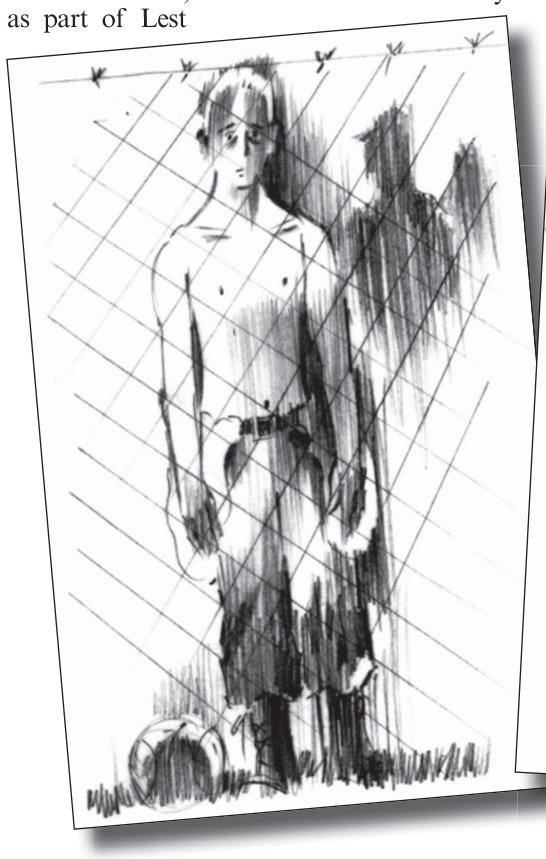
“For more than 70 years the little boy inside me has been nagging me to write this,” says the 80-year-old Mandarino, who will be signing copies of his book today. “I knew even as a kid that I wanted to tell people this story. What was so remarkable for me is that I was able to sit down and go into the hard drive of my mind and it was all still there. I couldn’t remember what I had for breakfast yesterday, but I could remember so many of these details.”

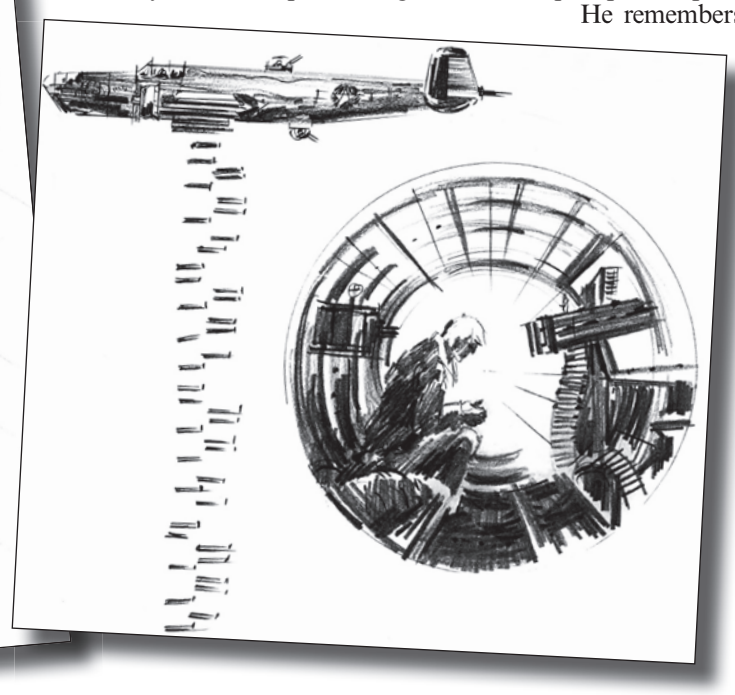
The project, which Mandarino says took him two years to complete, is organized as a chronological series of vignettes beginning in 1939 and ending with the Japanese surrender in 1945.

Some of the details are personal, like his father’s habit of tucking a sprig of basil behind his ear as he tended the family garden, while others reflect the collective mood of the neighborhood as they watched somber newsreel footage at the Liberty Theater.

“It was a strange time growing up in a German neighborhood,” Mandarino says. “They were speaking a foreign language, the language of their homeland, and yet soon they were going to be at war against them.”

When Adolph Hitler proclaimed the Germans to be the chosen race, the topic became a quiet preoccupation around the neighborhood.





He remembers when a German neighbor, Lydia Brittenfeldt, brought an apple pie over to his house but began to cry before she could speak and turned to walk home.

“My mom stopped her in the middle of the street,” Mandarino says. “She had come over to apologize to us because she felt ashamed for ever thinking that we were somehow below her. They became lifelong friends after that.”

Mandarino also talks fondly of the older German boys who he looked up to growing up – the ones that would soon be gone fighting the war. He remembers how one boy, Marv Wade, handed him his brand-new football

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Forget the stereotypes: Men in serious relationships need affection, true love

By NARA SCHOENBERG
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — What if you lived in a world where men were more romantic than women, where guys were just dying to talk about their feelings, where men were the ones who craved affection from their spouses and partners?

Actually, there’s good evidence that you do.

Oakland University sociology professor Terri Orbuch, who has been studying the same 373 married couples for more than 25 years, has looked at the impact of “affective affirmation” – the words or gestures you use to show your partner that he is special, noticed or cared for – on the long-term health of a marriage.

Her findings, she says, are surprising.

“When husbands reported that they did not get affective affirmation from their wives often, that couple was two times more likely to divorce over time,” Orbuch says. “And that was not true when wives didn’t get that affirmation. Wives need it, but it’s not as distressing to the couple if (the women) don’t get it.”

Intrigued by Orbuch’s research, we went looking for other examples of male relationship needs that run counter to common wisdom, and we didn’t have to look far.

Studies show that men fall in love faster and harbor more romantic notions of the “love conquers all” variety. Warren Farrell, author of the best-seller “Why Men Are the Way They Are” (Berkley), says man-cave hype obscures a basic truth he saw while conducting relationship workshops: Men want to talk to their spouses about what’s troubling them. Often, he says, it’s women who get uncomfortable when their husbands or boyfriends reveal their fears and vulnerabilities.

Psychologist David Schnarch, author of the best-seller “Passionate Marriage: Keeping Love and Intimacy Alive in Committed Relationships” (W.W. Norton & Co.), says that there are a lot of men who want to talk more than women do - and they’re not hiding their needs. The problem, he says, is that stereotypes about women being “all heart and no crotch” – and men being just the opposite – are so strong that they often prevent us from seeing the men who are right in front of us.

Whether you agree with Schnarch that men and women are more alike than different in the relationship realm, or you’re interested, like Orbuch, in parsing the differences, there’s little question that a lot of information that runs counter to popular wisdom has gone unremarked

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WEDDINGS

Vriezema-Wier

Tracie Vriezema and Nathan Wier were married June 16, 2012, at Whittaker Woods in New Buffalo. The Rev. Michael O'Berski officiated.

Parents of the bride are Tim and Brenda Vriezema of St. Joseph. The groom is the son of Bob and Carole Wier of Benton Harbor.

Lauren Vriezema was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kristin Sterk and Jena Kirk.

Ben Wier was best man. Groomsmen were Scott Hartman and Michael Vriezema.

A reception was held at Whittaker Woods, New Buffalo.

They are living in St. Joseph.

The bride graduated from St. Joseph High School, Taylor University and Grand Valley State University. She is a physical therapist at Lakeland Orthopedic Physical Therapy.

The groom graduated from Lakeshore High School and Michigan Technological University. He is an engineer at Whirlpool Corp. in St. Joseph.

Wise-Hoffman

Jennifer Beth Wise and Richard (Reno) Hoffman were married July 28, 2012, at First Church of God in St. Joseph. Rev. Bob Confer officiated.

Parents of the bride are Sanford and Linda Wise of St. Joseph. The groom is the son of Ricardo Hoffman of Niles and the late Teresa Hoffman.

Emily Reif and Marissa Swisher were maids of honor. Bridesmaids were Michelle Groenke, Rachel Flaga and Tonya Burch.

Miya Burch was flower girl. Ring bearer was Sean Emanuel.

Adam Hudson was best man. Groomsmen were Aaron Davis, Beau Julian, David Lodyga and John Hoffman. Ushers were Mike Margol and Eric Stuglik.

A reception was held at the Stevensville American Legion, Stevensville.

After a wedding trip to the Wisconsin Dells and Chicago, they are living in Stevensville.

The bride graduated from St. Joseph High School and Lake Michigan College with a business administration degree. She works at G&M Variety in St. Joseph.

The groom graduated from Buchanan High School. He is currently enrolled at LMC in the Energy Production Technology course. He is employed with Tree's Tree Service, and DZ Atlantic at D.C. Cook Power Plant.

Schewe-Prusa

Jessica Ashley Schewe and Derek Robert Prusa were married June 23, 2012, at First Church of God, St. Joseph. Rev. Bob Confer officiated.

Parents of the bride are Harold and Kimberly Schewe of Macedonia, Ohio. The groom is the son of David Prusa and Angela Pasula of Stevensville.

Alison Glaske was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Crystal Smith, Jordan Sedlacek, Kate Schewe, Alexa Prusa and Jenna Schleben.

Flower girls were Emma Schewe, Elyse Hackbarth and Amelia Hackbarth.

Eric Nordquist was best man. Groomsmen were Don Richardson, Peter O'Connor, Zachary Schewe, Harold Schewe Jr. and Mark Wagner. Ushers were Scott Catania, David Schewe, Alec James and Cole Kellogg.

A reception was held at Vineland Center in St. Joseph.

After a wedding trip to the Hawaiian islands of Maui, Oahu and Kauai, they are living in Grandville, Mich.

The bride graduated from Lakeshore High School and is earning her Doctor of Pharmacy at Ferris State University. She is a pharmacy intern at Walgreens.

The groom graduated from Lakeshore High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in investment finance from Ferris State University. He is employed at Rinvelt & David investment firm in Grand Rapids.

ANNIVERSARIES

Zielke 50 years

August and Shirley Zielke of Baroda celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 29. A celebration was held at Skip's Other Place in New Buffalo.

August Zielke and the former Shirley Baginske were married Sept. 29, 1962, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Stevensville.

Their children are Barbara (Vytautas) Sukys of Baroda, James (Lisa) Zielke of Baroda and Tiffany (Joseph) Rydwelski of Buchanan.

They have 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Zielke was the owner/contractor of Zielke Construction. He is retired.

Mrs. Zielke was the office manager of Zielke Construction. She is also retired.

Henderson 60 years

Donald and Betty Henderson of Stevensville celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 6 with a family dinner in their home.

Donald Henderson and the former Betty Spath were married Oct. 5, 1952, in Hudson, Ohio.

Their children are Jeff Henderson of St. Joseph, Cindy Tefs of Benton Harbor, Chris (Marybeth) Henderson of Niles and David (Susan) Henderson of Chesterland, Ohio.

They have five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Henderson retired from the United States Air Force after serving 21 years. He served in Alaska, Japan and Germany. He is a member of the Stevensville American Legion, the Retired Enlisted Association and Disabled American Veterans. In 1993 he retired from Transamerica Insurance Group.

Mrs. Henderson worked as a cashier with Kroger, Hamady Brothers, Hardings and D&W before retiring in 1991.

The Hendersons split their time between their home in Stevensville and their winter residence in Frostproof, Fla.

ENGAGEMENT

Schrage-Erb

Melissa Ann Schrage and Ryan Alan Erb are planning a December 2012 wedding.

Schrage, daughter of Dale and Kathy Schrage of St. Joseph, graduated from St. Joseph High School and Lake Michigan College with an associate degree in business administration. She is employed with United Federal Credit Union.

Her fiancé, son of Todd and Marcia Erb of St. Joseph, graduated from Lakeshore High School and Lake Michigan College with an associate degree in business administration.

He is employed with Whirlpool Corp.

ATTENTION: COUPLES

The Herald-Palladium publishes news for engagements, weddings and anniversaries each Sunday.

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BAZAARS

South Haven: The 26th annual Mistletoe Market at the South Haven Center for the Arts, 600 Phoenix St., will be held Nov. 17 through Dec. 9. A special preview party will be held from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 16. Tickets are $20 per person in advance (call SHCA at 637-1041) or at the door. Hours for Mistletoe Market are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon-5 p.m. Sundays (closed for Thanksgiving Day).

St. Joseph: The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., will greet the holiday season on Nov. 17 with mittens, art exhibits, special gift ideas, a bake sale and more. The event begins at 10 a.m. and continues through an evening concert featuring Rick Willey from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Michigan will be celebrated with a special mitten donation project. Drawings of mittens will be available at Horizon Bank locations, St. Joseph Today, the Maud Preston Palenske Library (St. Joseph) and the Box Factory for the Arts. Youngsters are asked to decorate the mittens and return them to the Box Factory to be entered into an exhibit in the Riverwalk Gallery. The only entry requirement is a $1 donation or a new pair of mittens. All money, mittens, scarves and hats will be donated to the Salvation Army and other charitable organizations in December.

Benton Harbor: The VFW 1137 Ladies Auxiliary will hold their Annual Holiday Bazaar from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 17 at 2616 E. Napier Ave. Local crafters and vendors will be there. Food will be available as well. For more information call 925-8355 after 3 p.m.

St. Joseph: New Life Church, 3265 S. Cleveland Ave., will host its 2012 Church Craft Bazaar from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 17. There will be a variety of crafts, novelty items and snacks. The youth will be running a snack bar, where you can get a hot dog, chips and a drink for only $2.50. Poceeds will benefit sending the teens to camp. The cost of having a booth is $25. If you are interested, please call 313-2500.

St. Joseph: A Holiday Shopping Bazaar for Alex Mandarino will be from 1-5 p.m. Nov. 18 at Brown Elementary School, 2027 Brown School Road. The Michigan Blood Bus will also be there. A bake sale and silent auction will be held. Vendors include "Cook for a Cure," Alex's Cookbook, Pampered Chef, Party Lite, Creative Memories, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Tupperware and more. Proceeds will help the Mandarino family pay medical bills.

Stevensville: The Ladies League of Christ Lutheran Church, 4333 Cleveland Ave., will sponsor their annual Cookie Walk beginning at 9 a.m. Dec. 8. The price will be $6 per pound. The Parent-Teacher League will also be sponsoring a Craft Bazaar.

News of area bazaars and arts and crafts shows will be published Sundays in The Herald-Palladium. Nonprofit groups who would like to be included should send a news release two weeks in advance of the event to: Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

MANDARINO

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because "he wouldn't be needing it anymore," and how one day all the older boys were gone, replaced by a tiny flag with a blue star in the windows of the neighborhood.

"I had a whole generation who were my mentors and my heroes," Mandarino says. "When they went to war everyone – and I mean everyone – came together for a common cause."

That included his mother, who took a night shift assembly line job. He and his young friends did their part by forming an aviation club that went through stacks of cards learning to identify both allied and enemy aircraft. Then there were the prisoners. About 1,000 German soldiers cordoned off by bobbed wire at the Benton Harbor Naval Armory at the foot of Hall Park Hill.

▶ **WHAT:** Lest We Forget's Veterans' Day Tribute
▶ **WHEN:** 2 p.m.
▶ **WHERE:** Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor
▶ **HOW MUCH:** $10; free for children age 17 and younger
▶ **CONTACT:** 927-1221, 925-7176 or dealsbro@sbcglobal.net

"I remember when we went down to see them thinking that they were just boys," Mandarino says. "Some of them couldn't have been older than 16. These weren't the hardened killers we knew from the propaganda films."

In fact, he and many of his friends tossed candy bars and cigarettes over the fence before the guards chased them away. Many of these scenes also appear as pencil sketches in the book, a skill Mandarino picked up working in advertising, including 25 years at Leo Burnett Worldwide, whose clients included McDonalds, Kelloggs and more.

"I realized that if I used my skills as an art director that I could not only tell this story with words but I could sketch it, too," Mandarino says. "I wanted it to feel like a sparse sketch book. I didn't want the illustrations to seem finished."

The book also included a photograph of Mandarino and a bunch of other young men holding up special edition copies of the Japanese surrender in what was then the News-Palladium of Benton Harbor. Mandarino was a newspaper carrier at the time.

"We all made a lot of money that day," he says, laughing.

Mandarino is hoping his book fares just as well. He's priced them at $15, but says money wasn't the motivation for writing it. The real motivation was honoring the young men he looked up to then and still holds dear today.

"They were a special breed," he says. "They were smart. They were kind."

And as for that little boy who has been nagging him to tell their tale all these years, Mandarino just smiles and says, "I hope he's happy now."

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BORGMAN

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shoulder brings you good luck." No it doesn't; it just means you have to sweep the floor.

"The best way to tell if pasta is done is to throw it against the wall." Not true. The best way to tell if pasta is done is to throw it on the floor and see if anybody eats it in five seconds.

I hope this has been of service to university research teams everywhere.

Send my honorary degree in care of my email.

Lori Borgman's new book, "The Death of Common Sense and Profiles of Those Who Knew Him," is now available online. Contact lori at lori@loriborgman.com.

LOVE

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and undiscussed.

For Orbuch, author of the new book "Finding Love Again: 6 Steps to a New and Happy Relationship" (Sourcebooks Casablanca), a key moment came when men and women in her study were asked to map the five closest relationships in their lives onto a series of concentric circles. The inner circle represented the people closest to the person in question and the larger circles represented degrees of decreasing closeness.

Women, Orbuch says, tended to put all five of their nearest and dearest in the intimate center circle. Men put only their wives in the center circle, and their other confidants in various "outer" circles.

That pattern makes men heavily emotionally dependent on their wives, and may help explain why "affective affirmation" in marriage is so important to them, Orbuch says.

"Women need affirmative affirmation as much as men, but we're lucky because we can get it from lots of other people," she says. "We don't crave it and need it only from our partners. Women in our studies reported they get it from their best friends, their mothers, their sisters, their children – even strangers and people they've just met."

Men's emotional reliance on their wives or partners may also help explain why men fall in love faster and tend to idealize their romantic relationships, Orbuch says.

"We know men are more likely to believe in love at first sight and that love conquers all," she says. "Men are more likely to believe you need love in order to have commitment. I think it also has to do with needs getting met in that primary relationship. There's an awful lot invested in that primary relationship for men."

Imagining a Southwest Michigan without electricity

Richard Martin
Generations

The recent super storm that hit the East Coast left me pondering communication, electronic devices, and how dependent we have come to be on electricity in general.

So let's say a big storm hit Southwest Michigan and nobody had electricity. If you had an older phone that did nothing but ring and dial and let you talk ... it would probably still work ... as long as the local phone carrier's central office had electricity. Maybe they have a generator. Unfortunately my house has portable phones that require electricity to power the hub, so they won't work.

Could we get any news over the television? The networks require electricity to power their cameras and to broadcast the signal and the TV requires power to receive the signal.

Would our home wireless networks allow us to download information from web sites on our portable laptops or iPads. The wireless router wouldn't work without electricity and the portable devices would only be functional until the battery ran down.

My wife has an iPhone and I have a Droid with a wireless hotspot. They will work until the battery goes. Maybe we could recharge them with a car charger while we drive around. But even if cell phones could be charged in the vehicle would they be able to transmit? Don't the cell towers need electricity?

How would we get anywhere on time without electricity for our clocks? Everyone should have at least one battery-powered clock.

Last year I had just made it to the front of the line at a gas station convenience store when the power went out. I was attempting to purchase two bottles of Sprite Zero. They would not let me buy my drinks; even though I pointed out that I had exact change, because the cashier's math skills didn't allow them to calculate bottle deposit and taxes. Without their electronic cash register they had to turn me away.

How about banking? People are relying more and more on ATMs to deposit and withdraw money. I know our credit union has a generator to keep their computers powered so they know how much money we have, but what if I am at a remote branch or an ATM? What keeps them from giving me money that is not in my account?

My son has a well to provide their water for cooking, bathing, flushing, etc. The well requires electricity to pump the water. And did I read about people in New York having to carry five gallons of water up to the 17th floor of an apartment building

Our gas furnace needs electricity to stay turned on. Thank goodness for the wood stove. How is your electric range for cooking without any power?

If you were a homebound senior in need of food and heat how would you let someone know?

Do you have candles or hand-cranked flashlights in your house in case the power fails? Do you have hand-cranked radios so you can receive the latest news? Do you know your neighbors in case you need help?

Seems like a lot of unanswered questions. It would be nice to get some answers before we have a major outage.

Gotta go now. Have to pick up some solar panels and a generator at the local hardware store. Oh wait ... they aren't open because they don't have electricity.

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Divorce announcement arrives with wedding thank-you note

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

Dear Abby: A friend's daughter was married several years ago. I attended the shower and her wedding, and gave gifts for both.

Two months after the wedding, I received a thank-you note in which a form letter was enclosed that read, "By the way, we are now separated and getting a divorce"! I was shocked not only by the news, but even more that my gifts were not returned with the divorce announcement.

This young lady is now being married again to a different man. If I attend the shower/wedding, am I obligated to give her another set of gifts? Or should I skip the shower and go to the wedding without giving another gift? What is proper in this case? – **Confused in Massachusetts**

Dear Confused: The rule of etiquette regarding disposition of wedding gifts when a couple divorces after a short time is that any UNUSED items (preferably in their original packaging) go back to the givers. However, to return cookware, linens, china, glassware, etc., that have been used is impractical, so please don't hold a grudge.

If you decide to attend the shower and/or wedding for your friend's daughter, it is customary to give a gift.

Dear Abby: I recently began a new job, and although I love what I do, I have only one problem. My boss, "Harold," does not like eating lunch by himself. Every day, he asks me what I'm doing for lunch. If I say I brought my lunch, he wants me to eat it in his office with him. If I tell him I'm going out, he wants us to go out together.

I don't think he's attracted to me; I just think he hates being alone. He's entirely too clingy, and I feel my lunch break is supposed to be a time to do whatever I want to do.

I don't believe the last lady who worked for him had a problem with this, but I do. How do I tell him "no" without offending him or hurting his feelings? – Lunch Buddy in South Carolina

Dear Lunch Buddy: Tell your boss politely but firmly that you need your lunch hour to perform personal tasks – go shopping, make personal phone calls or catch up on some reading. You are entitled to that break time, and that is what it should be used for.

Dear Abby: A family member has six cats and wants to have the Thanksgiving meal at her house. Every time I eat there, I find cat hair on the table, on the plates and in the food. I don't want to cause hard feelings, but how do I handle this? I'm allergic to cats. – Hold The Fur in Amarillo, Texas

Dear Hold The Fur: Your health must come first. Arrange to celebrate Thanksgiving elsewhere and curtail your visit. If the relative attempts to "guilt" you into changing plans, explain that you cannot because you have become allergic to cat hair and dander and your doctor has instructed you to avoid exposure.

Dear Readers: Today is Veterans Day, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank not only our veterans, but also those men and women who are still on active duty for their service to our country. – Abby

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Pet of the week

Photo provided

Meet Coco Chanel! She's a 10- to 12-month-old female Chihuahua. Look at those ears! Coco is a little shy sweetie who likes to snuggle. She's up to date on her vaccinations and ready for her own home. Coco is available for adoption with the Humane Society, 641 S. Crystal Ave., Benton Harbor, 927-3303. Their hours are noon-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; noon-6 p.m. Wednesdays; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Check out www.humanesocietyswm.org for more available dogs and cats.

Volunteers

To find out about these opportunities, call 983-0912 or visit volunteerswmi.org or email volunteer@volunteerswmi.org. The center is a United Way partner agency.

Adults

The Berrien County Trial Court Family Division needs two volunteers for the Intake Department. Volunteers should have experience or perhaps be retired from working in an office environment, and should be familiar with confidentiality and using a computer. For information about this opportunity, call Cindy Wigent at 983-7111, Ext. 8454, or express interest online at www.volunterswmi.org.

Each Christmas season, people who are elderly and adults with disabilities are genuinely remembered by our community. **Martin's Grocery Stores** helps connect our community with these people. For one weekend each year, Nov. 30-Dec. 2, greeters are needed to stand inside the entrance doors at Martins grocery stores. Shoppers simply need to select one or more ornaments from the tree, find the item during their shopping trip and give the ornament and purchased item(s) to the cashier at the checkout as they are leaving the store. Gifts are delivered to the person's home by Area Agency on Aging staff members.

North Berrien Historical Museum is seeking assistance with moving and setting up more than 25 artificial Christmas trees in preparation for their annual Holiday Open House. Volunteers may also perform cleaning or decorating to help set-up for the event. Moving and set up will take place between now and Friday. The museum's Holiday Open House (Nov. 30-Dec. 2) and "Lights and Delights Fundraiser" on Nov. 29 also need volunteers. Activities could include greeting visitors/counting attendance, assisting with children's crafts and gingerbread house decorating, or assisting with our Cookie Walk Fundraiser.

Michigan Blood is looking for volunteers to help at blood drives throughout the Kalamazoo and St. Joseph area, as well as surrounding counties. Michigan Blood volunteers trained in the Post-Donation Station are responsible for socializing with donors, observing donors for reactions, and offering fluids and other refreshments after the donation process. No experience is necessary, just a friendly, dependable, and caring attitude, and a willingness to travel. Please visit www.miblood.org to learn more, or call or email to speak to a Volunteer Services staff member.

Emergency Shelter Services is currently in need of volunteers to provide basic yard maintenance such as raking, planting and mulching. If you are handy with your hands, projects can range from light residential maintenance such as replacing a door knob and weatherizing windows, to fixing a leaking roof.

Benton Harbor Area Schools is now offering a wonderful opportunity, Catch the Dream's S.M.A.R.T. Tutoring Program designed to provide instructional services in all of the BHAS first- through eighth-grade magnet programs. The S.M.A.R.T. Tutoring program offers one-on-one tutoring for one hour a week in math and reading. To apply, go to www.bhas.org and click the Tutor Programs menu at the top of the page and complete the online application.

Cass County Council on Aging Handy Helpers assist in making homes safer so individuals are able to remain in their homes longer. Some of the repairs you will handle include installing grab bars, installing or repairing railings, putting down non-skid tape, installing smoke or carbon monoxide detectors, weatherizing and building wheelchair ramps.

If you are hairdresser or barber, **Hospice at Home** invites you to style the hair of their clients. You should be willing to go to clients' homes. Everyone feels better after getting their hair done and you will feel great about sharing your special talent.

Do you have the ability to teach basic pencil art, work with water colors, or provide instruction on completing kit projects? Do you enjoy being creative in the development of ideas and projects for young people? If so consider sharing your talents at the **Berrien County Juvenile Center** in Berrien Springs. You should be at least 18 years old and a background check is required.

The Lunch Bunch volunteers provide a fellowship opportunity for individuals from all walks of life. Whether you are planning a menu, preparing a meal or pouring drinks, you can be sure that someone will be uplifted and encouraged by your service. Lunch is served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the **Niles Salvation Army.**

Community AIDS Resource and Education Services (CARES) depends on **transport volunteers** to assist clients with rides to medical appointments in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties Mondays through Fridays (flexible times).

Micromanager needs to see another perspective

Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn: We live a long way from my wife's father, who lives in his own home but who now needs assistance. We've been providing financial assistance to my wife's sister, who otherwise has limited employment prospects, to live with their father and assist him.

My wife's father and sister have verbal sparring matches pretty constantly, but both would be happy eating pancakes and ice cream every day. To me it seems like they have a right to eat what they want, even if it might be unhealthy. But my wife sometimes spends up to three hours a day on the phone, providing "guidance" to her sister and father on what they should eat, how they should clean the house, and other things.

She gets pretty bossy and demanding at times, and I'm concerned that what she is doing may actually be abusive. She claims she is saving their lives by spending all this time on the phone with them and they should be grateful.

I'm particularly concerned about the potential for abuse because her sister depends on us for financial support and may feel she can't hang up the phone. Any ideas on how to change this? – **Concerned Spouse**

Your concern is that the place for one adult in another's choices is a limited one – right?

Well, those are your handcuffs. You can't micromanage your wife out of micromanaging her father's household, especially since you've already challenged her approach once. (That's where her "saving their lives" defense came from, right?)

That said, you have standing, and good cause, to talk to your wife about it again. And you can calmly hold your boundaries at home when she gets "bossy and demanding" with you.

Start by speaking your truth fully: Prepare what you'd like to say, think of examples to support your point, imagine how you'd feel if you were the dad or sister, and imagine how you'd feel if you were in your wife's position. Then, choose a time when you're not in a hurry to be anywhere and neither of you is upset about something.

Then, start with any insight you gleaned from trying to see things from her perspective. For example: "I realize you are worried about your dad and sister, and I realize how hard that is, to know they're not taking good care of themselves. I know I'd be worried that if they die prematurely or become ill, I might blame myself for not trying harder to prevent that."

Then share any conclusions you drew from imagining yourself in her dad or sister's place. Maybe: "But I'd realize I can't make them live the way I want them to. And I know how I'd feel if you spent three hours on the phone with me, dictating my menus and chores. If I were counting on you financially, as your sister is, then I might be afraid to stick up for myself."

Then hand the thinking and talking over to her: "Have you thought about how you'd feel, and react, if you got so many hours of such calls?"

If she doesn't say, "I'd probably hang up on me and go eat ice cream," then she's lying, to you or to herself or both.

And that, in turn, would mean your chances are slim to imaginary that your wife will do anything except micromanage them off this mortal coil. However, please don't let that stop you from interrupting calls when your wife sounds abusive, and consulting a therapist who specializes in elder care.

And do not fail to thank your sister-in-law for her efforts on the family's behalf. I don't want to think how rarely she receives gratitude calls, if in fact she ever does.

Dear Carolyn: Two of our friends broke up several months ago. The woman is a closer friend to me, but my husband is closer with the man. We would like to have a party, but I am perplexed as to whom I should invite – her or him? We don't want any awkward situations at our house. My husband thinks the man has made more of an effort to host events at his place, so we should invite him.

It was my idea to host a party, so shouldn't I choose who gets to come? Who is right? – **Name Withheld**

Neither. Invite both friends and tell both the other is invited.

Who *wants* "awkward situations"? But when you're willing to hurt someone's feelings (by exclusion) just to avoid awkwardness, you're letting party perfectionism muscle its way to the top of your priority list.

Your friendships belong at the top of that list. Honor them and let the exes sort it out like the adults they presumably are. If they touch off a melee over the canapes, then your next guest list will write itself.

"It was my idea"? Really?

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Dear GOP: Regroup – don't retreat

Charles Krauthammer

They lose and immediately the chorus begins. Republicans must change or die. A rump party of white America, it must adapt to evolving demographics or forever be the minority.

The only part of this that is even partially true regards Hispanics. They should be a natural Republican constituency: striving immigrant community, religious, Catholic, family-oriented and socially conservative (on abortion, for example).

The principal reason they go Democratic is the issue of illegal immigrants. In securing the Republican nomination, Mitt Romney made the strategic error of (unnecessarily) going to the right of Rick Perry. Romney could never successfully tack back.

For the party in general, however, the problem is hardly structural. It requires but a single policy change: Border fence plus amnesty. Yes, amnesty. Use the word. Shock and awe – full legal normalization (just short of citizenship) in return for full border enforcement.

I've always been of the "enforcement first" school, with the subsequent promise of legalization. I still think it's the better policy. But many Hispanics fear that there will be nothing beyond enforcement. So, promise amnesty right up front. Secure the border with *guaranteed* legalization to follow on the day the four border-state governors affirm that illegal immigration has slowed to a trickle.

Imagine Marco Rubio advancing such a policy on the road to 2016. It would transform the landscape. He'd win the Hispanic vote. Yes, win it. A problem fixable with a single policy initiative is not structural. It is solvable.

The other part of the current lament is that the Republican Party consistently trails among blacks, young people and (unmarried) women. (Republicans are plus-7 among married women.) But this is not for reasons of culture, identity or even affinity. It is because these constituencies tend to be more politically liberal – and Republicans are the conservative party.

The country doesn't need two liberal parties. Yes, Republicans need to weed out candidates who talk like morons about rape. But this doesn't mean the country needs two pro-choice parties either. In fact, more women are pro-life than are pro-choice. The problem here for Republicans is not policy but delicacy – speaking about culturally sensitive and philosophically complex issues with reflection and prudence.

Additionally, warn the doomsayers, Republicans must change not just ethnically but ideologically. Back to the center. Moderation above all!

More nonsense. Tuesday's exit polls showed that by an eight-point margin (51-43), Americans believe that government does too much. And Republicans are the party of smaller government. Moreover, onrushing economic exigencies – crushing debt, unsustainable entitlements – will make the argument for smaller government increasingly unassailable.

So, why give it up? Republicans lost the election not because they advanced a bad argument but because they advanced a good argument not well enough. Romney ran a solid campaign, but he is by nature a Northeastern moderate. He sincerely adopted the new conservatism but still spoke it as a second language.

More Ford '76 than Reagan '80, Romney is a transitional figure, both generationally and ideologically. Behind him, the party has an extraordinarily strong bench. In Congress – Paul Ryan, Marco Rubio, Kelly Ayotte, (the incoming) Ted Cruz and others. And the governors – Bobby Jindal, Scott Walker, Nikki Haley, plus former governor Jeb Bush and the soon retiring Mitch Daniels. (Chris Christie is currently in rehab.)

They were all either a little too young or just not personally prepared to run in 2012. No longer. There may not be a Reagan among them, but this generation of rising leaders is philosophically rooted and politically fluent in the new constitutional conservatism.

Ignore the trimmers. There's no need for radical change. The other party thinks it owns the demographic future – counter that in one stroke by fixing the Latino problem. Do not, however, abandon the party's philosophical anchor. In a world where European social democracy is imploding before our eyes, the party of smaller, more modernized government owns the ideological future.

Romney is a good man who made the best argument he could, and nearly won. He would have made a superb chief executive, but he (like the Clinton machine) could not match Barack Obama in the darker arts of public persuasion.

The answer to Romney's failure is not retreat, not aping the Democrats' patchwork pandering. It is to make the case for restrained, rationalized and reformed government in stark contradistinction to Obama's increasingly unsustainable big-spending, big-government paternalism.

Republicans: No whimpering. No whining. No reinvention when none is needed. Do conservatism, but do it better. There's a whole generation of leaders ready to do just that.

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The voters share blame for negative politics

By MARTIN SCHRAM
Scripps Howard News Service

America's Great Electoral Marathon of 2012 ended in the wee hours of Wednesday with a quiet emotion and dignity that belied what had been a godawful year.

There was the elation of President Barack Obama, celebrating his rather amazing re-election in a shower of confetti. There was the graciousness of Mitt Romney in defeat.

And there were the cheers of the people in these very different election finales of the world's most famous democracy. It almost made us forget what the candidates and those of us who cover them had really been hearing, all year, from America's venerated vox populi – the voice of the people:

"Please lie to me!" the people kept telling the candidates. So, of course, the politicians did just that, once they figured out they'd pay no penalty for their campaign lies, distortions and deception.

After all, the politicians were just giving the people what too many among us really want to hear about the opposition politicians they love to hate.

One reason so many voters have gotten negative is that they prefer to get what they still call "news" from blogs, Tweets and cable news channels that pander to partisans to get top ratings. These new media whip their audiences' frustrations into a froth. In this campaign, a lot of it seemed one-sided, as many on the right were quick to hate the incumbent president. They gleefully recirculated emailed trash and lies about Barack Obama as if they were newfound treasure.

Now we must learn multiple lessons from the failures of all the 2012 players: the politicians, the journalists and the people who too often encouraged – even implored – candidates to do things we once deplored.

We remember too many Campaign 2012 lowlights, especially the Republican demonization of "Obamacare." And the way conservative schemers successfully conned easily manipulated tea party folks by denouncing as "liberal" or "socialist" the mandate that everyone must buy health insurance.

The political media glossed over the truth: That health care mandate was incubated in the conservative Heritage Foundation think tank in the Clinton years, as a proud Republican alternative to liberals clamoring for a single-payer government program. Conservative Republicans embraced it. Romney used it in his Massachusetts health plan; it was the only way he could assure no one would be rejected for insurance because of a pre-existing condition.

Here it got downright Shakespearean: Obama initially opposed the mandate, then reluctantly accepted it to lure Republican support. But like a precision drill team, congressional Republicans unanimously about-faced and attacked Obama's mandate as a liberal evil. Their audiences cheered every attack. They just loved to hate anything tied to Obama.

Of course, Obama's Democratic ad makers did their own distorting. They cherry-picked hundreds of transactions by Romney's Bain Capital private equity company, magnifying outcomes that closed plants and cut jobs and ignoring success stories including Staples, The Sports Authority and Burger King.

Eventually, Romney's aspirations were stung by his own last-minute distortions. Example: His ad makers got him into trouble with Ohio auto industry workers by suggesting Jeep was transferring jobs to China. Chrysler and General Motors quickly denounced the deceitful ad. And that may have led to Romney's loss of that crucial swing state and maybe others.

It is easy, now, to read all this and denounce those who are way too eager to hate and pounce. We like to say we aren't like that. But wait: How often did you gleefully pass along an emailed political smear?

And have you ever demanded that your favorite newspaper or television program disclose on Page 1 or in prime time the deceitful distortions that fact-checkers have discovered?

Candidates will never stop lying, distorting or deceiving until we all do our jobs – by making sure they pay a political penalty every time they try to con their way to victory.

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Letters

Wake up: The barbarians are at the gate

Editor,

Well, America has chosen and what you have just witnessed is one more giant step in the slow, inexorable suicide of the west.

Armed with full knowledge and in the clear light of day, a majority of Americans have chosen, irrevocably I believe, to follow the path of ancient Rome. We are a tottering empire, rotting from within, ruled by a corrupt elite that is busily ransacking the public treasury.

All of this is permitted by a lazy, irresponsible citizenry that remains willfully stupid and allows itself to be placated with bread and circuses (food stamps and "American Idol").

Meanwhile, the barbarian hordes gather outside of our borders, plotting our demise. What's that they say about those that refuse to learn the lessons of history?

David D. Goodyear
Coloma

Lawmaker appreciates support of voters

Editor,

I would like to thank all the voters who showed up in Van Buren County and northwest Kalamazoo County and, after an extensive job interview, rehired me for a second term to serve in the Michigan House of Representatives.

I am humbled and blessed by the incredible support and kindness I have received on the trail. While I have been in office I have appreciated every question, comment and concern, along with the honest debate. The help and support of so many families has been critical in getting out my positive message of fighting for Michigan's hard-working taxpayers.

I will continue to travel our district and listen to your ideas and concerns on how to work together to build a better tomorrow.

I pledge that I will continue bring Southwest Michigan common-sense ideas and values to state government. This includes making state government more efficient and effective; passing fiscally responsible, balanced budgets; ending burdensome, job-destroying regulations; increasing Michigan energy production; and prioritizing education, law enforcement and our roads.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve Southwest Michigan for another term. And if I can ever be of any assistance, please contact me.

Aric Nesbitt
State Representative
66th District

GUEST COLUMN

The EPA failed to do its duty

Agency hasn't properly alerted residents to dangers of Aircraft Components' pollution

By NICOLE MOON

The entire community has been led to believe that the Aircraft Components Superfund Site on North Shore Drive has been thoroughly cleaned up. Not true.

The local papers carried considerable coverage of the radium-226 removal effort, which was completed by 2003-2004, but little or nothing about the persistent groundwater contamination which remains at the site and which is thought to have migrated under the Paw Paw River bed to the area across the river.

EPA regulations require that formal community outreach be accomplished via a Community Involvement Plan (CIP), and they require that a CIP be started before non-emergency cleanup activities commence. For the Aircraft Components site, a CIP should have been in place by 2002. Nothing of the kind ever took place. Because only a few people attended two public meetings held by the EPA in 2000 and 2002, the Aircraft Components site EPA community involvement coordinator concluded that there was no public interest in the site, and EPA kept mum about the status of the Aircraft Components cleanup for 10 years.

Several weeks ago, the EPA tried to right a wrong by holding interviews to assess the community's superfund site knowledge and to determine the best method of public communication. However, there were no plans to hold a public meeting. Only by people demanding that EPA communicate what it has been doing at the site for the past 10 years did the EPA relent and hold a meeting on Oct. 23.

As I read through the EPA's requirements for Community Involvement Activities, I realized how badly the EPA failed our community. Very few documents are posted online at the EPA website, yet there are over 100 at the Benton Harbor Public Library. The most important documents, such as a legally binding consent decree negotiated with Harbor Shores, lodged in Grand Rapids Federal Court, governing ongoing site responsibility, were never posted online. The opportunity for public comment regarding the draft consent decree was published in the Federal Register, but not in the local press.

People who attended the Oct. 23 meeting now are aware of vinyl chloride and DCE plumes on the site and across the river. The EPA's explanation is that the plumes are byproducts of the groundwater treatment for TCE and PCE, which have diminished, and that the elevated methane gases are also a byproduct. There is no evidence that the EPA ever notified the public of potential "side effects" of groundwater treatment. These are not minor issues. The byproducts persist, the groundwater treatment has stopped working, and now the EPA is going to try a different treatment process. What other problems might the new treatment cause?

At the meeting I observed that the EPA made no attempt to contact nearby residents regarding the groundwater contamination or the potential hazards caused by the treatment processes. The first five-year review report, completed in 2008, states that at least 30 residential wells are located within a half-mile of the site. Yet, by the EPA's own admission, it did not contact well owners concerning potential environmental and pubic health hazards caused by the groundwater treatment.

One resident in attendance lives near the site, yet had no information about the site issues until we, not the EPA, put a flyer in his door. He was concerned because so many of his neighbors have had cancer.

The EPA also reported Harbor Shores' proposed condominiums for the Superfund site must be built according to strict guidelines for preventing vapor intrusion.

However, the EPA's own guidelines for brownfield redevelopment state that vapor intrusion is possible one to two miles from a plume. Were the contractors who recently built just downstream within the two-mile radius advised of this possibility? Were safeguards against vapor intrusion included in their plans?

The EPA will be monitoring the groundwater treatment results for years to come. Millions of our tax dollars have already been used to address contamination at the site, and more will be spent in the future.

Thank you to all who voiced concerns to the EPA. This very important issue affects our water and, ultimately, our health. At the Oct. 23 meeting the EPA claimed that 10-15 requests from the public are necessary before the EPA will consider holding a meeting. Please keep the pressure on, and don't let the EPA ignore us again.

Nicole Moon lives in Benton Harbor.

The Veterans Day success story that wasn't

As Emily Dickinson wrote in one of her best-known poems, "Success is counted sweetest By those who ne'er succeed."

No, she wasn't writing about the Michigan State football team. Nor was she alluding to what Examiner.com called "some blatantly blown calls by the referees" that materially helped Nebraska win on Nov. 3.

William F. Ast III

Instead, she might have been writing about me and my futile efforts ever since 1997 to have veterans get the day off on Veterans Day.

It reminds me of a drill sergeant I had in basic training. We were on a long tiring march to somewhere, and the usual "hurry up and wait" doctrine applied.

When we got to where we were going to, the sergeant ordered us to halt, looked at his watch, and said, "We're a little early. We got time for one cigarette." Numerous trainees started fumbling for their cigarettes. "AND I'M GOING TO SMOKE IT! PUT THOSE THINGS AWAY!"

He did, too. Once he was done, he looked for a place to extinguish his cigarette, couldn't find one, and ground it out on the palm of his hand. There had to be a trick to that, no matter how calloused his hands were. Like Sergeant Zim in "Starship Troopers," nobody liked him, but he had style.

My crusade has been like that sergeant's tactic – hopes raised, then dashed.

Chicago columnist Mike Royko in 1994 wrote a famous piece criticizing the fact that veterans don't get the day off on Veterans Day, unless they work in the public sector. Veterans Day is a national holiday, so public sector workers get the day off, whether they are veterans or managed nicely to avoid the service and never had to experience bellowing sergeants at 5 a.m.

So when Royko died in 1997, I decided to take up the cause. What the heck, I thought – if nothing else it will give me at least one column topic a year. And, to quote another famed figure of literature, Otter in "Animal House," "...this situation absolutely requires a really futile and stupid gesture." And I was just the one to do it.

However, at long last, I've succeeded. The long hours of writing, the incessant agonizing over every word and every phrase, the worry over the lack of response, it's all been worth it. At long last, most veterans will get the day off on Veterans Day today. Me too. Mission accomplished.

Wait. What's that you say? Veterans Day falls on Sunday this year and that's why veterans have the day off? It's got nothing to do with anything?

Oh.

Nuts.

Never mind.

OK, it's been a "really futile and stupid gesture." Otter was right.

Well, perhaps it hasn't been totally futile, though I really was stupid if I actually thought I could influence politicians. They've learned they need to give lip service to honoring veterans, perhaps, but they know they don't have to do any more than that. Veterans are a shrinking breed, and we no longer have much clout on Election Day.

Still, some restaurants now give free meals to veterans and active duty personnel on Veterans Day. That's a truly good gesture.

Some local companies give employees who are veterans the day off on Veterans Day. I doubt that had anything to do with this column, but it's heartening to know that some Americans are doing the right thing.

Royko's column, great as it was, did have a whiff of animus toward public sector workers. As he put it, "So how does this country honor (veterans)? ... By letting the veterans, the majority of whom work in the private sector, spend the day at their jobs so they can pay taxes that permit millions of non-veterans to get paid for doing nothing."

That should be softened a little. Public sector employees have come under a great deal of fire from certain political elements who pretty much want to dismantle government, but the vast majority of public sector employees are honest, hard-working people performing valuable work. They deserve their occasional holiday, including Veterans Day.

The fact remains that having a Veterans Day, with most of the veterans still at work that day, is ludicrous. America should correct that situation, and then get down to the serious work. You know, making sure Guard and Reserve soldiers don't lose their jobs while they're overseas. Making sure they don't get ripped off by predatory for-profit colleges after their return. Taking better care of wounded soldiers and disabled veterans. As Abraham Lincoln said, "to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan." That kind of thing.

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Obama's bewildering re-election

NEW YORK — Ronald Reagan called the 1964 election "a time for choosing." Tuesday's election yielded a time for bewilderment.

Given his record, it is astonishing that President Barack Obama won reelection. He should have lost, big time. Despite an $833 billion stimulus and $5.6 trillion in fresh national debt, the economy crawls forward with 2 percent growth. Shovel-ready projects were not shovel ready. The Department of Energy has generated some 60,000 "green" jobs – at $578,333 each. When Obama arrived, the unemployment rate was 7.8 percent. It's now 7.9 percent. Nonetheless, Obama is the first president to get reelected with joblessness above 7.2 percent since FDR in 1936.

Deroy Murdock

AP file photo

President Barack Obama waves as he walks on stage with first lady Michelle Obama and daughters Malia and Sasha at his election night celebration in Chicago.

Serious analysts like Michael Barone, co-author of "The Almanac of American Politics," forecast 315 electoral votes for Mitt Romney. Accurate since 1980, the University of Colorado Boulder's model predicted 330 electoral votes for Romney. In fact, Romney secured 206 electoral votes, with Florida still too close to call.

Reputed uber-genius Karl Rove reconfirmed that he is the most overrated living participant in American public life. As "the architect" of profligate "compassionate conservatism," Rove helped smash the GOP's reputation for fiscal discipline. This still hurts Republicans. As Reuters' Tim Reid wrote: "Early national exit polls revealed that about 50 percent of U.S. voters still blamed former Republican President George W. Bush for the country's economic problems rather than Obama." The allegedly brilliant Rove foresaw 279 electoral votes for Romney. Oops! Rove should retire to a Texas ranch, where he can raise and sell actual bull.

By beating these odds, Obama demonstrated that a majority of the U.S. electorate supports democratic socialism. Three bumper stickers on a California automobile recently illustrated this sad truth. They said, "Obama" "Tax the Rich," and "Live Better – Work Union."

Rather than being rejected as un-American, class warfare proved to be a winning formula. Look for Obama and the left to sow further seeds of discord. Let's see how many prosperous people, entrepreneurs and job creators grow sick of being blamed for America's woes. Many will retire. Others will exile themselves to countries where they will be appreciated.

Romney's general-election campaign had its flaws, but it was energetic, issue-based and optimistic. Nonetheless, he was excoriated for remarking that 47 percent of Americans essentially were beyond his reach because they "believe that they are victims" and "that government has a responsibility to care for them."

Actually, Romney tried to sell limited government to the 49.5 percent of Americans who pay no income tax. Obama offered them health care, school loans and other free "investments" financed by the 51.5 percent of Americans who pay income taxes. Tuesday may have tipped this seesaw. Once a largely untaxed majority of Americans vote themselves free benefits funded by a taxed minority, Washington, D.C., will descend into Athens on the Potomac.

Amid the debris, there are a few reasons for free marketers not to stick our heads in our ovens.

Republican Sen.-elect Jeff Flake of Arizona is one of Capitol Hill's most stalwart soldiers for small government, tight budgets and terminating pork-barrel excess. He will serve Arizona and America splendidly. Republican Ted Cruz also is Senate-bound. Texas' former solicitor general is scary smart, well-spoken to a fault and Hispanic. Perhaps he and Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., can remind the GOP how to appeal to this large and growing demographic group.

Colorado and Washington legalized marijuana. These states soon may collide with Obama, who is a battering-ram-wielding drug warrior, despite belonging to the Choom Gang, his high school posse of Hawaiian potheads. Perhaps federalism and Obama's abandonment of his weed-laced hypocrisy will merge like smoke rings and end marijuana prohibition.

Voters in Maryland, Maine, Minnesota and Washington embraced gay marriage. Social conservatives cannot complain that unelected judges imposed this policy. Conservatives and libertarians jointly should pry government's nose from something in which it has no bloody business.

A majority of Americans voted for big government. Now, we all must share the bed that they made. Unfortunately, as Reagan once said, "If you get in bed with the government, you'll get more than a good night's sleep."

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The lessons of Ohio and beyond

Two weeks before the election, I stood on a factory floor in Springfield, Ohio, and watched a woman my age crawl around a giant cab of a tractor-trailer. She moved with the grace of a human spider.

Connie Schultz

A 20-year veteran at the plant, she was responsible for double-checking other workers' jobs as the truck made its way to the end of the production line. Her movements were seamless and seemingly effortless. The muscles in her arms flexed as she pulled herself from one spot to another, her legs darting left and right. When she caught a glimpse of my wide-eyed stare, she grinned and kept moving.

It was a crystalizing moment, standing less than two feet away from her as she worked. A core narrative of the presidential race had unfolded right in front of me.

That woman and I are the same age and call Ohio home, but we live miles-apart lives. As she clawed her way over the top of that cab, I was mindful of the toll that kind of work takes on a human body and of the clueless politicians who never give that a thought.

When suit-and-tie Republicans talk about things such as tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans and raising the retirement age for Social Security, they make two big mistakes.

The first is thinking that workers such as that woman don't matter.

The second is assuming that workers such as that woman don't care.

I walked out of that factory and knew, then and there, that Mitt Romney would lose Ohio. He wasn't even trying to understand the lives of people who depend on their bodies to make a living. Worse, he was counting on Ohio's being a state full of workers too stupid to know when they're being played for chumps.

Less than a week after my visit to that factory, as if confirming my hunch, Romney was back in Ohio claiming that Chrysler was going to move its Jeep production from Toledo to China. Even after Chrysler's CEO insisted otherwise, the Romney campaign refused to pull misleading TV and radio ads designed to fuel Jeep workers' greatest fears. Had Romney bothered to visit that Jeep plant, he would have discovered more than 700 tradespeople – including 300 electricians – working to get the plant ready for increased production.

This is not a told-you-so column. I was raised to believe that when the choices are between being right and being at peace, the latter is always the better option. I am also mindful of how eager most Americans are to put this campaign season behind them. I'm all for that, as long as we also acknowledge the hard lessons of this long year.

Sorry, folks. For that, it's still all about Ohio, Ohio, Ohio.

I love Ohio, and I hate what Romney and outsiders such as Karl Rove tried to do to my state this year. I'm far from alone. For months, I've had to listen to fellow Buckeyes complain about the relentless assault of campaign ads. After a while, a false equivalence sets in: *They're all bad. They think we're all idiots, too.*

I'm not snacking on sour grapes here. My presidential candidate was declared the winner after he won Ohio. Fuller disclosure: My husband, U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, was a primary target of Rove's millions, but he won, too.

I never will be one of those Ohioans who love to trash the state they left behind. I was born and raised here, and I still live here. If you think we're boring, it probably would be better for all of us if you left. My grown kids sometimes tease me for clinging to Midwestern ways, but I never will apologize for believing that a person can be nice and interesting at the same time.

And here's what the next round of presidential candidates should know: There are plenty of Ohioans just like me, and we all vote.

Just ask Mitt Romney and Karl Rove.

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ANOTHER OPINION

Veterans enjoyed success on Election Day

For a unique person to symbolize this Veterans Day you could not go far wrong choosing Tammy Duckworth, who was elected to Congress last Tuesday to represent Chicago's northwestern suburbs.

Duckworth will become the first female veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan to serve in Congress. She was a captain in the National Guard and a helicopter pilot when she was shot down in Iraq in 2004, losing both legs and the partial use of her right arm.

She is not unique serving in Congress after being badly wounded in wartime. Sen. John McCain of Arizona was tortured by the North Vietnamese after breaking both legs and an arm. Sen. Max Cleland of Georgia lost both legs and his forearm to a grenade in Vietnam.

What is unique about Duckworth is simply that she's a veteran. Once veterans dominated Congress; from the 1960s to the mid-1970s veterans comprised about three-quarters of the U.S. House, according to political science associate professor Jeremy Teigen of Ramapo College in New Jersey. He told the military newspaper Stars & Stripes that number is down to 25 percent and falling.

In fact, after World War II, it was hard for a nonveteran to get elected; military service was practically a prerequisite for political office. But with the end of the draft, the advent of the all-volunteer army and the concept of a leaner military, the percentage of Americans who have served has fallen precipitously. Less than 1 percent of the population has served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Veterans groups were hoping that this election would arrest a 32-year slide in the number of ex-military in Congress. It might have happened. Some House vote counts are still incomplete that could add two more members, but the Associated Press says 16 veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan were elected Tuesday, nine of them first-time officeholders.

Most of the congressional vets are Republicans, but anyone who expects them to march in lockstep on the issues is badly out of touch with our modern military. They are as opinionated and diverse as the democracy they chose to defend.

Veterans Day asks little of us other than we take a moment to observe the 11th minute of the 11th hour of the 11th month to mark the moment in 1918 when the armistice brought an end to the blood and carnage of World War I.

Please honor veterans today in appropriate ways.

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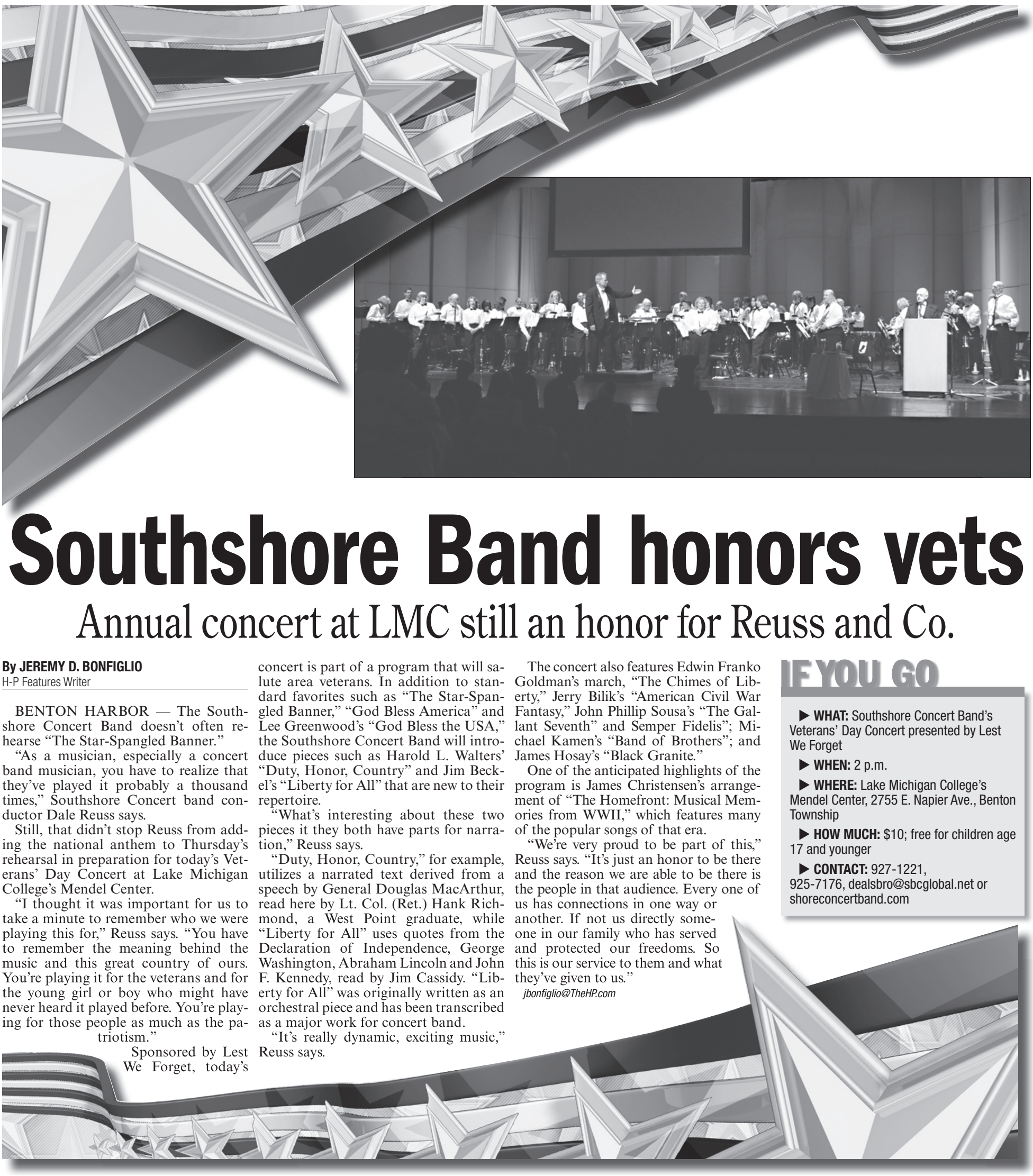

Southshore Band honors vets

Annual concert at LMC still an honor for Reuss and Co.

By JEREMY D. BONFIGLIO
H-P Features Writer

BENTON HARBOR — The Southshore Concert Band doesn't often rehearse "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"As a musician, especially a concert band musician, you have to realize that they've played it probably a thousand times," Southshore Concert band conductor Dale Reuss says.

Still, that didn't stop Reuss from adding the national anthem to Thursday's rehearsal in preparation for today's Veterans' Day Concert at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center.

"I thought it was important for us to take a minute to remember who we were playing this for," Reuss says. "You have to remember the meaning behind the music and this great country of ours. You're playing it for the veterans and for the young girl or boy who might have never heard it played before. You're playing for those people as much as the patriotism."

Sponsored by Lest We Forget, today's concert is part of a program that will salute area veterans. In addition to standard favorites such as "The Star-Spangled Banner," "God Bless America" and Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA," the Southshore Concert Band will introduce pieces such as Harold L. Walters' "Duty, Honor, Country" and Jim Beckel's "Liberty for All" that are new to their repertoire.

"What's interesting about these two pieces it they both have parts for narration," Reuss says.

"Duty, Honor, Country," for example, utilizes a narrated text derived from a speech by General Douglas MacArthur, read here by Lt. Col. (Ret.) Hank Richmond, a West Point graduate, while "Liberty for All" uses quotes from the Declaration of Independence, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy, read by Jim Cassidy. "Liberty for All" was originally written as an orchestral piece and has been transcribed as a major work for concert band.

"It's really dynamic, exciting music," Reuss says.

The concert also features Edwin Franko Goldman's march, "The Chimes of Liberty," Jerry Bilik's "American Civil War Fantasy," John Phillip Sousa's "The Gallant Seventh" and Semper Fidelis"; Michael Kamen's "Band of Brothers"; and James Hosay's "Black Granite."

One of the anticipated highlights of the program is James Christensen's arrangement of "The Homefront: Musical Memories from WWII," which features many of the popular songs of that era.

"We're very proud to be part of this," Reuss says. "It's just an honor to be there and the reason we are able to be there is the people in that audience. Every one of us has connections in one way or another. If not us directly someone in our family who has served and protected our freedoms. So this is our service to them and what they've given to us."

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IF YOU GO

▶ **WHAT:** Southshore Concert Band's Veterans' Day Concert presented by Lest We Forget

▶ **WHEN:** 2 p.m.

▶ **WHERE:** Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Township

▶ **HOW MUCH:** $10; free for children age 17 and younger

▶ **CONTACT:** 927-1221, 925-7176, dealsbro@sbcglobal.net or shoreconcertband.com

Sally Field: First lady of 'Lincoln'

By JOHN ANDERSON
Newsday

NEW YORK — When Sally Field talks about the "weight of the role" she has in Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln," she's not kidding. "I gained 25 pounds to play her," said the two-time Oscar winner. "And then I had to have knee surgery."

The actress didn't say whether surgery was worth it, but Fields' portrayal of Mary Todd Lincoln – wife of the 16th president and one of the more problematic figures in the American political pantheon – has become one of the more talked-about aspects of Spielberg's Civil War epic. Which is saying something, considering that Daniel Day Lewis' performance as the nation's secular saint is destined for canonization itself.

"We all have a preconceived idea of her," Field said of a woman viewed for the past 150 years as the Macbethian ball and chain burdening a man many consider our greatest president. "But I didn't want to start with a conclusion. I did my research as an actress; I pulled the pieces together, and created my own psychological profile of her. I think she's one of the most abused, misunderstood and underexamined women in our history."

Scripted by playwright Tony Kushner, and based on Doris Kearns Goodwin's Pulitzer Prize-winning book "Team of Rivals," "Lincoln" is less a standard biopic than the story of the 13th Amendment. Having made his Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln then needs it turned into cold, hard law. As the South's hopes are dimming, so are the amendment's chances – without the war as leverage, there's no chance it will pass. Lincoln, a la Kushner-Goodwin, is a consummate politician, and though the film finds dignity in the man himself, it mines suspense out of the lowdown dirty political maneuvering of 1865 Washington.

The humanity of the story, on the other hand, lies in the relationships between the Lincolns. Son Willie has died, and haunts his family's dreams. Young Tad (Gulliver McGrath) dresses as a soldier and makes the White House his playground. The older Robert (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is itching to get into the war while he still has a chance. Mary, as played by Field (who won best actress Oscars for "Norma Rae" in 1980 and "Places in the Heart" in 1985), is an eloquent defender of her president and the cause; an occasional torment to her husband, and a woman who, under the surface, seems to be barely keeping it together.

"Well, I think that's the way it was," Field said. "She was highly emotional, she didn't like being in Washington, and her grief was extensive – she'd lost two children. Almost as badly she'd lost her position with Mr. Lincoln. She'd been his closest adviser and confidante, but she'd had moments of grave emotionality, and he was afraid of her: He didn't want her causing unrest at a time when he needed the White House calmer.

Depicted as a certifiable lunatic by Gore Vidal in his celebrated historical novel (and portrayed by Mary Tyler Moore in the much-respected 1988 TV miniseries "Gore Vidal's Lincoln"), Mary Todd came from a privileged background, a powerful Kentucky political family, was highly educated and highly astute. "They met at a party and danced together," Kushner said, "and afterwards she told her cousin, 'I just danced with the greatest man of his age and he's going to be president of the United States someday.'

"I think she's gotten a bum rap," Kusher added. "I don't think it's the case that she wasn't a person with bipolar features, but she functioned at a very high level. I'm impressed with her, and what Sally does is just astonishing."

IN BRIEF

KOS adds performance of 'Little Mermaid Jr.'

BENTON HARBOR — Due to sold out performances, Kids On Stage has added an encore date for "Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr." at 7 p.m. tonight at the Kids On Stage Theatre in The Orchards Mall, 1800 Pipestone Road.

The production will feature the Junior Troupers (grades K-9) cast, which includes Samantha Pankratz as Ariel, Morgan Piontek as Sebastian, Joshua Dixon as Flounder and Anna Miesse as Scuttle. Tickets are $8 in advance and $10 at the door.

For more information, call 313-2795 or visit www. dougskidsonstage. com.

Twin City Players hold 'Hollywood' auditions

ST. JOSEPH — The Twin City players will hold auditions for its February mainstage production, "Shakespeare in Hollywood," at 7 p.m. Thursday and 4 p.m. Nov. 18 at The Studio adjacent to the TCP Playhouse, 600 W. Glenlord Road.

Ken Ludwig's comedy begins when a 1930s silver screen production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is interrupted by the unexpected arrival of the real Puck and Oberon.

There are roles for four women and eight men. The play is being directed by Adam Rowland

For more information, call 429-0400 or visit twincityplayers.org.

Application deadline for Artlab this week

ST. JOSEPH — Thursday is the annual application deadline for artists interested in having their installation work displayed in the Artlab of the Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., for the next exhibition season.

Artlab is open to emerging visual artists residing in the

United States. Participants must propose a three-dimensionally based art installation to fit within a 367-square-foot gallery space. Materials may include time based media, sound and light. There are seven displays per annual exhibition cycle.

For more information, call 983-0271 or visit www. krasl.org.

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Mon-Wed: 12:00, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15,4:00, 5:30, 6:30, 7:15, 8:45, 9:45
★ WRECK-IT RALPH 3D (PG)
PREMIUM 3D PRICING
Sun-Wed: 12:35, 3:10, 5:45, 8:20
★ WRECK-IT RALPH 2D (PG)
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Mon-Wed: 1:35, 2:25, 4:10, 5:00, 6:45, 9:20
★ FLIGHT (R)
Sun-Wed: 12:05, 3:10, 6:15, 7:30, 9:20
★ THE MAN WITH THE IRON FISTS (R)
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Mon-Wed: 2:00, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00
SILENT HILL: REVELATION 2D (R)
Sun-Wed: 9:00
★ CLOUD ATLAS (R)
Sun-Wed: 1:00, 4:50, 8:30
PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 4 (R)
Sun-Wed: 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:20, 9:25
ALEX CROSS (PG13)
Sun: 11:00, 1:20, 3:45, 6:10, 8:40
Mon-Wed: 1:20, 3:45, 6:10, 8:40
ARGO (R)
Sun-Wed: 12:15, 3:10, 6:05, 9:00
TAKEN 2 (PG13)
Sun: 11:15, 1:35, 3:55, 6:20, 8:55
Mon-Wed: 1:35, 3:55, 6:20, 8:55
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2D (PG)
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Mon-Wed: 1:40, 4:00, 6:20
Feature presentations begin 10-15 minutes after published showtimes.

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SUNDAY EVENING NOV. 11

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Funny Videos	Once Upon a Time "Child of the Moon"		Revenge "Penance" (N) CC		:01 666 Park Avenue "Downward Spiral"	
CBS (2)(3)(22)	:00 60 Minutes	The Amazing Race (N) CC		The Good Wife "Anatomy of a Joke"		The Mentalist A reporter is murdered.	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	:00 Football Night in America (N) CC		:20 NFL Football Houston Texans at Chicago Bears. (N) (L) CC				
FOX (17)(28)(32)	The OT (N) CC	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy (N) CC		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Rick Steves	National Salute to Veterans (N) CC		Masterpiece Classic (N) CC		Broadway: The American Musical	
CW (25)	:00 ★★ Vanilla Sky ('01, Suspense) Tom Cruise, Penélope Cruz, Cameron Diaz.					News	Love-Raymond
MNT (50)	:00 Law & Order	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	How I Met	How I Met
WCIU (26)	House of Payne	Mr. Box Office (N)	Mr. Box Office	The First Family (N)	The First Family	We There Yet?	We There Yet?
WHME (46)	Cooking With	Paid Program	Jack Van Impe	Africa Drought	Partners in Faith	Joyce Meyer	Paid Program
WSBT (22)	:00 CSI: Miami	★ Crazy Little Thing ('02, Romance-Comedy) Jenny McCarthy, Chris Eigeman.				News	Buck McNeely
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	Green MI	The Walking Dead "Killer Within" CC		The Walking Dead "Say the Word" (N)		:01 The Walking Dead CC	
Animal	Finding Bigfoot: Birth			Finding Bigfoot (N)		Finding Bigfoot (N)	
BET	Women-Place		★★★ The Hurricane ('99) Denzel Washington.				
Big Ten	Big Ten	B1G Football Game of the Week (N)				Big Ten	Big Ten
Bravo	Housewives/Atl.	The Real Housewives of Atlanta		The Real Housewives of Atlanta (N)		The Real Housewives of Miami (N)	
Cartoon	Robots	Looney	Dragons	Cleveland	King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	6:30 ★★ 3000 Miles to Graceland		:35 ★★★ Chronicle ('12) Dane DeHaan, Alex Russell. CC			★★ In Time ('11) CC	
CMT	★★ Grumpier Old Men ('95) CC				:45 ★★ Starsky & Hutch		
CNBC	Wall St.	★★ Unraveled ('11)			★★ Unraveled ('11)		
CNN	Newsr'm	According to Lance		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom (N)	
Comedy	D. Tosh	G. Iglesias: Fluffy		Jeff Dunham		Key	Tosh.0
CSNC	SportsNet	The Pat	Bensinger	World Poker Tour		Heartland Poker	
Discovery	The Triangle	MythBusters "Cannonball Chemistry"		Sex in America (N) CC		Breaking Magic	Breaking Magic (N)
Disney	Good	Dog	Austin	Shake It	Jessie	Shake It	Good
DIY	Bath	Dens	Dens	Crashers	Crashers	Alaska	Contrac
E!	★★ He's Just Not That Into You ('09)					Ice-Coco	Nicki Mi
Encore	Next Karate	★ Zookeeper ('11, Comedy) Kevin James. CC			:45 The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King ('03)		
ESPN	:00 SportsCenter (N)	BCS		MLS Soccer Conference Final: Teams TBA.			
ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing					NASCAR Now (N)	
ESPNC	Street	Push: Madison Versus Madison ('10)				Push: Madison	
Family	★★ The Last Song	★★ The Notebook ('04) Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams. (P). A man tells a story to a woman about two lovers.					
Food	Iron Chef	Cupcake Wars (N)		The Next Iron Chef		Iron Chef America	
Fox News	Report	Huckabee (N)		Fox News Sunday		Geraldo at Large (N)	
Fox Sports	Postgame	World Poker Tour		Bull Riding			Spartan
FX	X-Men Origins	★★ Predators ('10, Science Fiction) Adrien Brody, Topher Grace, Alice Braga.				★★ Predators ('10) Adrien Brody.	
G4	6:45 ★★ Memphis Belle			★★★ Three Kings ('99, War)			
Golf	PGA Tour Golf				Big Break Greenbrier		Longest
Hallmark	Princess Chrst	★ The Christmas Secret ('00, Fantasy) Richard Thomas, Beau Bridges. CC				Debbie Macomber's Call Me Mrs. Miracle	
HBO	:10 ★★ Tower Heist ('11) Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy. CC			Boardwalk Empire "The Milkmaid's Lot"		Treme Desautel's opens; Sonny pawns.	
History	America	The Men Who Built America CC				Pawn	Pawn
HGTV	Million	Extreme Homes		Property Brothers		House Hunters Reno	
Learning	Breaking	Breaking Amish		Breaking Amish (N)		Breaking Amish: The	
Lifetime	The Christmas Consultant ('12)			★ Dear Santa ('11) Amy Acker. CC			
MSNBC	Caught	Caught on Camera		Maximum Drama		Sex Slaves	
MTV	Teen	Jersey Shore CC		Jersey Shore CC		Jersey Shore CC	
NFL	NFL GameDay High.		NFL GameDay High.		NFL GameDay High.		GameDay
Nick	iCarly	See Dad		Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde			Nanny
NGEO	:00 Space Dive (N)			Drugs, Inc. (N)		Alaska-Trooper	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped "Elizabeth Reynolds" CC		Snapped "Sandra Jesse" (N) CC		Snapped An apparent freak accident.	
Showtime	:00 Dexter CC	Homeland "A Gettysburg Address" CC		Dexter "Chemistry" (N) CC		Homeland "The Clearing" (N) CC	
Spike	Brothers	Band of Brothers "Bastogne"			Band of Brothers CC		
Starz	:35 ★★ Spy Kids 3: Game Over ('03, Adventure) CC			★★★ Moneyball ('11, Drama) Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill. CC			
SyFy	6:30 ★★ Outlander ('08, Action) James Caviezel. CC			★ G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra ('09, Action) Channing Tatum, Dennis Quaid. CC			
TBS	House Bunny	★★ Valentine's Day ('10, Romance-Comedy) Jessica Alba, Kathy Bates, Jessica Biel. CC (DVS)					Valentine's Day
TCM	National Velvet	★★★ Love Is a Many Splendored Thing ('55, Romance) Jennifer Jones. CC				★★ The Seventh Sin ('57, Drama)	
TMC	The Italian Job	★★★ Our Idiot Brother ('11, Comedy) Paul Rudd. CC			★★ Barry Munday ('10) Patrick Wilson, Judy Greer. CC		
TNT	Clash	★★★ 300 ('07) Gerard Butler. CC (DVS)					Pirates
Travel	Trckd Out	Killer RV Upgrades		Extreme RVs (N)		Extreme RVs (N)	
TV Land	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 NCIS CC	NCIS "Caged" Women's prison riot.		NCIS A blogger turns up dead. CC		NCIS "Endgame" CC	
VH1	Dr. Drew	Rehab With Dr. Drew		Couples Therapy		Rehab With Dr. Drew	
WGN-A	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News at Nine	Instant Replay

TV THIS WEEK

'Family Guy'

TODAY: The absurdly irreverent animated series once canceled by Fox has now lived long enough to celebrate its landmark 200th episode. In "Yug Ylimaf" ("Family Guy" spelled backward), Brian breaks Stewie's time machine, causing reality to run in reverse and forcing them to quickly fix it before Stewie becomes "unborn." 9 p.m., Fox.

'The Good Wife'

TODAY: "The Good Wife" continues to attract quality guest stars as Christina Ricci plays a comedian who gets sued for indecency after baring her breasts on a late-night talk show. 9 p.m., CBS.

'Untold History of the United States'

MONDAY: Some accused Oliver Stone of stretching the truth in his film "JFK," but the director stuck to the facts for the "Untold History of the United States." It's his 10-part documentary devoted to pivotal, but overlooked, events. 8 p.m., Showtime.

'Mankind: The Story of All of Us'

TUESDAY: Josh Brolin narrates the crazily ambitious "Mankind: The Story of All of Us," a 12-part miniseries covering the entire history of the human race. Sounds like a laborious homework assignment. 9 p.m., History.

Peter Krause

'Parenthood'

TUESDAY: Tonight's episode finds Adam and Kristina (Peter Krause, Monica Potter) trying to juggle the demands of daily life with her breast-cancer treatment. 10:01 p.m., NBC.

Eddie Murphy

'Eddie Murphy: One Night Only'

WEDNESDAY: "Eddie Murphy: One Night Only" is a special that celebrates the career achievements of the actor-comedian. We're guessing that they'll want to gloss over "The Adventures of Pluto Nash." 10 p.m., Spike.

'Crossfire Hurricane'

THURSDAY: "Crossfire Hurricane" is an electrifying new documentary that tries to squeeze the 50-year history of the Rolling Stones into 105 minutes. Included: Interviews with band members, archival footage and lots of great music. 9 p.m., HBO.

'We Will Always Love You: A Grammy Salute to Whitney Houston'

FRIDAY: "We Will Always Love You: A Grammy Salute to Whitney Houston" has Jennifer Hudson, Celine Dion, Usher, Britney Spears and others paying tribute to the late pop superstar. 10 p.m., CBS.

– From HP Staff and Wire Reports

BEST SELLERS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. "The Racketeer" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
2. "Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot" by Bill O'Reilly, Martin Dugard (Henry Hold and Co.)
3. "Barefoot Contessa: Foolproof" by Ina Garten (Clarkson Potter)
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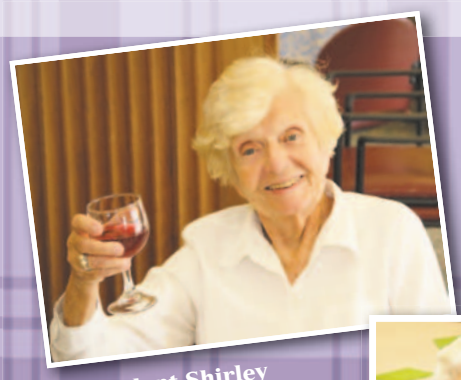

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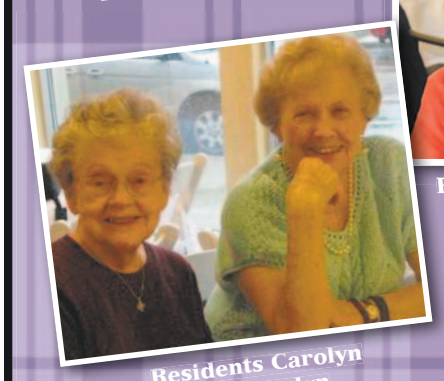

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Notre Dame-Boston College

Results of Saturday night's football game were unavailable at deadline.

A heave leads to a big win

Michigan beats Northwestern in OT

By LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

ANN ARBOR — Michigan's chances to win the Big Ten title got a jolt from a heave and a catch.

Michigan 38 Northwestern 31

Devin Gardner threw a 53-yard pass to Roy Roundtree to set up Brendan Gibbons' 26-yard field goal with 2 seconds left to extend the game against Northwestern.

Gardner then ran to the outside and scored easily from the 1 in overtime and his teammates on defense responded with a stop, giving the Wolverines a wild 38-31 win over the Wildcats on Saturday.

"There was a lot we didn't do well," Michigan coach Brady Hoke said. "But we did enough to win the football game."

Barely.

Trevor Siemian threw a 15-yard pass to Tony Jones with 3:59 left in regulation to give the Wildcats a 31-28 lead and Gardner threw an interception on the next snap.

Northwestern, though, couldn't pick up enough first downs to run out the clock and the Wolverines took advantage.

"We can hang our heads, but I think we are a pretty good football team," Wildcats coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "We just needed to make one more play."

Cornerback Daniel Jones was in a position to seal the upset for Northwestern when he was closely guarding Roundtree on the pivotal play of the game, but both players appeared to tip the ball up in the air and the senior receiver got it with 8 seconds left.

"My mind said, 'I got to go make this play,'" Roundtree said.

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Tony Ding / AP

Northwestern defensive back Daniel Jones (left) defends Michigan wide receiver Roy Roundtree on a 53-yard reception that bounced into Roundtree's chest in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game. The completion resulted in a Michigan field goal to tie the game and force overtime.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Don Campbell / H-P staff

Lakeshore's Mitch Bancroft (left) breaks up a pass intended for Grand Rapids Christian's Drake Harris during the first half of Saturday's Division 3 regional final.

Stopped in the 2nd half

Lakeshore can't keep up with GR Christian in Division 3 regional

By AL AREND
H-P Sports Correspondent

STEVENSVILLE — Unfortunately for Lakeshore there are two halves to a football game.

GR Christian 31 Lakeshore 7

Coach Denny Dock's No. 3 Lancers played No. 2 Grand Rapids Christian toe-to-toe Saturday afternoon managing a 7-7 deadlock at intermission. But the last half was dominated by the Eagles in a 31-7 victory, giving the school its first-ever football regional crown.

A strong wind out of the southwest played a role in the game at Al Stockman Stadium.

Coach Denny Dock decided he wanted the wind at his team's back in the fourth quarter, and surprised Christian with an onside squib kick that several Lancers had a chance to recover but didn't.

That gave the Eagles the ball and the wind to start the second half on the Lakeshore 49.

Three plays later the standout duo of senior quarterback Alex Van De Vusse and junior flanker Drake Harris finally connected on a 49-yard scoring strike and kicker Joel Schipper's point-after gave Christian a 14-7 lead, one it would never relinquish.

Harris has verbally committed to play football and basketball at Michigan

See **LANCERS**, page D2

Don Campbell / H-P staff

Lakeshore's Zach Ellis (left) and Dan Burnside (75) react during the final seconds of the Lancers' loss to Grand Rapids Christian on Saturday.

Decatur wears down late

Raiders can't get past Pewamo-Westphalia in Division 7 regional final

By JON R. WALLACE
H-P Sports Writer

DECATUR — Decatur scored the first 21 points of the game, but couldn't stop Pewamo-Westphalia from winning 26-21 in the last minute of a Division 6 regional final Saturday afternoon.

Pewamo-Westphalia 26 Decatur 21

The Pirates (9-3) scored twice in the final four minutes of the game to advance to face Ispheming next weekend in the semifinals.

Down 21-20 with 50 seconds to play on fourth down, Pewamo-Westphalia quarterback Kyle Nurenberg found his brother Nathan open across the middle for the go-ahead score.

Decatur got the ball back in good field position, but miscommunication between quarterback T.J. Cerven and wide receiver Matthew Botti led to an underthrown pass down the sideline, which was intercepted by Ross Wolniakowski.

"Their studs made big plays when they had too," said Decatur coach Joe Groh. "Even though we tried to rotate guys in to keep our players fresh we got a little tired in the second and fourth quarters and Nurenberg was able to take advantage of that."

Nurenberg was 11 of 22 for 175 yards, throwing two touchdowns late in the in the second and two more in the final quarter. The Decatur defense held Pewamo-Westphalia in check during the first and third quarters.

Nurenberg hit wide receiver Lane Simon with a 42-yard pass, with Decatur being called for roughing the passer on the play late in the fourth quarter.

Given half the distance the goal on the extra point attempt because of the Raider penalty, the Pirates tried to go for two but were called for illegal procedure and missed the extra point attempt wide left.

Decatur tried to run out the clock but three straight running plays in a row resulted in a loss of yards, forcing the Raiders to punt with 3 minutes left.

"I think our defense was a little off after the 2 1/2 hour bus ride during that first quarter, but I didn't have any doubt they'd get us the ball back in time so our seniors could give us the shot to win," said Pewamo-Westphalia coach Brad Weber. "To be honest,

See **RAIDERS**, page D2

Plenty of hype surrounding tonight's Bears-Texans game

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Lance Briggs wasn't sidestepping the topic.

He realizes the spotlight will be a little brighter, the hype will be turned up an extra notch or two, and that if the Chicago Bears really want to show how serious a contender they are, this is their chance.

That's because the Houston Texans visit Soldier Field tonight in a marquee matchup in prime time.

"It's the perfect situation, a great Sunday night on a big stage," said Briggs, the Bears' Pro Bowl linebacker. "We're all fired up about it."

Both teams are 7-1 and in first place, with the Bears leading the NFC North and the Texans atop the AFC South, so it's not hard to see why they'd be pumped for this one.

"Every game is a big game, especially when you're winning like we are," Houston defensive coordinator Wade Phillips said. "These are really important games for us. They can, boom, make your season."

The similarities — and contrasts — between these teams are hard to ignore. Start with the fact that both lost to Green Bay and keep going from there.

They each boast dominant defenses, with the Bears sixth overall and the Texans third, and they're tied for third with 25 sacks along with the New York Giants and Seattle Seahawks. Chicago's has been getting the publicity this week. Houston's seems overshadowed.

Either way, what they're doing is impressive.

No team has as many takeaways as Chicago with 28, and none has been better at hanging onto the ball than Houston with a league-low six turnovers, none the past two games.

"These guys are exceptional," Texans coach Gary Kubiak said. "They never give up on a play. If you catch a slant or something, and you're 7 and 8, 15 yards down the field, they're coming behind you to poke it out. Obviously, we've been good at protecting it but they're the best at getting it

See **BEARS**, page D6

In brief

WMU falls to Cornell in season opener

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) — Nolan Cressler scored 20 points and Shonn Miller had six of Cornell's 13 blocked shots as the Big Red defeated Western Michigan 63-55 Saturday in the season opener for both teams.

Cressler, a freshman guard, came off the bench to shoot 6-of-8 from 3-point range. Cornell's bench outscored Western Michigan's 35-14.

Miller, last season's Ivy League Rookie of the Year, also came up with nine points and three steals for the Big Red, whose pressure defense limited the Broncos to 1-of-13 shooting to open the game and 30.4 percent shooting (17 of 56) overall. Cornell's blocked shot total was one shy of its school record.

Galal Cancer and Errick Peck added 10 points each for Cornell. Cancer also had seven assists.

Lawrence graduate Shayne Whittington led Western Michigan with 18 points and 13 rebounds, and Jared Klein had 12 points.

Hoefl-Riesch wins slalom; Shiffrin 3rd

LEVI, Finland (AP) — Olympic champion Maria Hoefl-Riesch of Germany overcame a nagging hip injury, putting down a blazing second run Saturday to overtake local favorite Tanja Poutiainen of Finland and win the first World Cup slalom of the season.

Hoefl-Riesch trailed Poutiainen after the first run, but had the fastest time in the second for a total time of 1 minute, 55.58 seconds. American teenager Mikaela Shiffrin was third, while defending overall World Cup champion Lindsey Vonn skipped the race to focus on upcoming races in Aspen, Colo.

Skippers set off on solo yacht race

LES SABLES D'OLONNE, France (AP) — Twenty skippers set off from western France on Saturday in the seventh edition of the Vendee Globe solo around-the-world yacht race.

Skippers circle the three great capes: Good Hope, Leeuwin and Horn, the southernmost tips of Africa, Australia and the Americas.

There is a long slide down the Atlantic, across the Southern Ocean to the Indian Ocean and then the Pacific Ocean.

Frenchmen Jean Le Cam, who was runner-up in 2005, and Armel Le Cleac'h, who finished second in 2009, are hoping to go one better this time.

Two-time winner Michel Desjoyeaux, who set the course record time of 84 days, 3:09:08 in 2009, is not competing.

Zubkov wins 4-man bobsled; Holcomb 2nd

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP) — Alexander Zubkov of Russia has won the four-man gold medal at Lake Placid, beating the U.S. teams of Steven Holcomb and Nick Cunningham in the World Cup opener.

Zubkov and his team of Alexey Negodaylo, Dmitry Trunenkov and Maxim Mokrousov finished the two runs down the 20-curve layout at Mount Van Hoevenberg in 1 minute, 50.15 seconds on Saturday. That was 0.19 seconds ahead of Holcomb, the reigning Olympic champion, and his crew of Justin Olsen, Steve Langton and Curt Tomasevicz.

Cunningham and his crew of Adam Clark, Andreas Drbal and Christopher Fogt had the fastest run of the second heat and finished 0.32 behind the Russians.

Airwaves

Television today

8:00 a.m. (Speed) **MotoGP Racing** World Championship: Valencia. (Live)
9:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **ATP Tennis** Barclays World Tour Finals, First Semifinal. From London. (Live) CC
12:00 p.m. (Csnch) **College Soccer** Big East Tournament, Final. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **NFL Football** Denver Broncos at Carolina Panthers. (Live) CC
(17) (28) (32) **NFL Football** Detroit Lions at Minnesota Vikings. (Live) CC
(Bigten) **College Soccer** Big Ten Tournament, Final. (Live)
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic, Final Round. From Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (Live) CC
2:00 p.m. (Csnch) **College Soccer** MVC Tournament, Final. (Live)
2:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **ATP Tennis** Barclays World Tour Finals, Second Semifinal. From London. (Live) CC
3:00 p.m. (ESPN) **NASCAR Racing** Sprint Cup: AdvoCare 500. From Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Ariz. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Figure Skating** ISU Grand Prix: Cup of Russia. From Moscow. (Taped) CC
(17) (28) (32) **NFL Football** Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles. (Live) CC
(Csnch) (FoxSports) **College Basketball** Battle on the Midway — San Diego State vs. Syracuse. (Live)
4:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **CFL Football** Second Semifinal — Saskatchewan Roughriders at Calgary Stampeders. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **NHRA Drag Racing** Automobile Club of Southern California Finals, Qualifying. From Pomona, Calif. CC
8:20 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **NFL Football** Houston Texans at Chicago Bears. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **MLS Soccer** Conference Final. (Live)

Monday

3:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **ATP Tennis** Barclays World Tour Finals, Championship. From London. (Live) CC
7:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Central Michigan at Iowa. (Live)
(FoxSports) **NBA Basketball** Oklahoma City Thunder at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Csnch) **NBA Basketball** Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NFL Football** Kansas City Chiefs at Pittsburgh Steelers. (Live)
12:00 a.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** West Virginia at Gonzaga. (Live)
2:00 a.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Davidson at New Mexico. (Live) CC
4:00 a.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Houston Baptist at Hawaii. (Live)

Radio today

1 p.m.
NFL — Lions at Vikings (WSJM-AM, 1400 and WCSY-FM, 103.7)
8 p.m.
NFL — Texans at Bears (WBBM-AM, 780)

Monday

8 p.m.
NBA — Celtics at Bulls (WMVP-AM, 1000)

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Local sports calendar

Youth basketball

▶ Little Lady Lancer basketball program is open to all Lakeshore girls in grades 3-6. Registration forms are available at the elementary school and Lakeshore Middle School. Cost is $50 per player and includes two clinics in December, weekly games from Jan.12 through Feb. 23, and a T-shirt. For more information contact Mike Pechtel at jpechtel@sbcglobal.net or 556-1654, or girls varsity coach Doug Clem at dclem@lakeshoreps.org or 757-3706.

Registration deadline is Friday.

▶ The 14th annual Little Bears basketball league will run from Dec. 1 to Feb. 16. The program is for boys in grades 3-6.

All participants will need to attend a clinic from 9-10:30 a.m. on Dec. 1 at the St. Joseph High School fieldhouse. St. Joseph junior varsity coach Gary Etter and the St. Joseph basketball staff will lead the players-coaches clinic.

Parents are needed to help as coaches and assistant coaches. There will be one practice per week with games on Saturday mornings.

Cost is $50 per player, which will cover the cost of a T-shirt and league expenses. Additional boys from the same family are $10.

For more information, contact coach Etter at 926-3343 or 429-9125.

▶ The St. Joseph Biddy Bears program is for boys in kindergarten and grades 1 and 2 living in the St. Joseph school district or attending a St. Joseph school.

The five-week program will be held in the high school fieldhouse gym. St. Joseph varsity coach Greg Blomgren and his staff will direct the program with assistance from current high school players.

Cost is $25 per player, and $10 for additional members of the same family. Each player will receive a Biddy Bear T-shirt.

Sessions will be from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Dec. 8 and 15, Jan. 5 and 12 and Feb. 2.

For more information contact Blomgren at 944-7853 or 926-3215.

Youth baseball tryouts

The Niles Vikings 2013 BPA 10-year-old travel baseball team will start winter training indoors in the Niles area in January.

Tryouts will be held from 3-4 p.m. on Nov. 25 at Pepper Martin Park in Niles.

Anyone interested in having their son try out should contact coach Rick Krueger at 574-850-5036 or coach Kevin Garrard at 269-687-8224. Players should wear baseball pants and protective equipment and bring their glove and bat to the tryout.

Indoor soccer registration

The St. Joe Kickers Club is accepting registration for two indoor soccer sessions.

The first session will be from Nov. 26-Jan. 21 and the second from Jan. 28-March 24. Each session will have an eight-game season.

Registration for the first session is due Sunday and for the second session is due Jan. 13.

Youth games will be played on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays. Men's first-division games will be on Wednesdays, men's second division games on Fridays and Mondays or Tuesdays, and women's games on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Teams and individuals may also register online at www.stjoekickers.com.

Age divisions are U6 co-ed, U8 boys and girls, U10 boys and girls, U12 boys and girls, middle school boys and girls, high school boys and girls, women and men. Players may play up one division.

Team fees are $500 for U6, $600 for U8 and U10 and $700 for U12 and above. Ages U10 and under play 5 on 5, while ages U12 and above play 7 on 7.

For more information contact St. Joe Kickers sport director Chris Haack at cbhaack@yahoo.com.

Travel volleyball

Krush Volleyball Club will hold tryouts today at its new courts in Niles. Tryouts for 12U are from 10 a.m.-noon, 13U and 14U from noon-2 p.m., 15U and 16U from 2-4 p.m., and 17U-18U from 4-6 p.m. Cost is $20. For more information, visit www.krushvbc.com or e-mail director Dennis Cooper at dennis.cooper@krushvbc.com.

Road races / walks

Turkey Trot, 4 p.m. Nov. 19, with 8K, 5K and 1K events at Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac. Go online to www.swmich.edu/turkeytrot.

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Lakeshore's Mike Adams tries to break free from Grand Rapids Christian's Matthew Hall and Juwan Jarnegan during Saturday's Division 3 regional game.

LANCERS

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State, while Van De Vusse may be headed to Grand Valley State, according to Eagles coach Don Fellows. Schipper is considered one of the top place kickers in the nation. He has not missed an extra point or field goal all season.

"That was a surprise to us," Fellows said of the second-half onside kick. "I understand what he (Dock) was thinking and I like his call on that.

"I just think, gosh their kids play so hard, and we missed a couple opportunities there due to the wind in the first half, but we've got so many good athletes that once we get in a rhythm ... nothing against them, but we just have some very special athletes right now."

"We needed to keep it a little closer and I wanted to have the wind in the fourth quarter," said Dock. "We just weren't quite as good as we had to be. I think they wore on us a little bit (in the last half).

"But they jumped in there and covered the middle on that onside kick, which they hadn't done before," explained Dock. "We tried it and it didn't work. Then they hit a long one and forced our hand."

After Christian took a 14-7 lead, Lakeshore marched to the Christian 7-yard line, eating up 6 1/2 minutes of the third quarter clock. But thanks to an illegal procedure penalty, two incomplete passes and a sack, Lakeshore tried a 32-yard field goal into the wind.

Tyler Whitwam's kick was long enough, but was wide left, and the score remained 14-7 with 4:22 left in the third.

Christan answered with a long drive of its own, capped by a 2-yard burst from running back Seth McIntosh with five seconds left in the quarter for a 21-7 lead.

"Once we got down by two (TDs), we were forced to do some things we normally wouldn't," Dock said.

In the fourth period, Christian added a 26-yard field goal by Schipper. On Lakeshore's next possession, a Johnny Nate pass was intercepted by Davaris Collier and returned 34 yards to pay dirt, giving Christian a 31-7 lead with 8:28 left in the game.

Nate, whose career pass completion percentage was one of the highest in school history, was 11 of 30 passes for 92 yards. Christian's Van De Vusse was 16 of 25 for 258 yards and two touchdowns.

Lakeshore's only TD came on its second possession of the first quarter when they recovered a Christian fumble on the 33 and Zak Drake capped a short drive with a 7-yard run.

Lakeshore bowed out with an 11-1 record. Christian, also 11-1, advances to the state semifinals.

In the Lancer locker room after the loss, Dock told his team they were as "...good as any team that has ever sat in this locker room."

Later he said: "My gosh we couldn't have had more fun then we had this year. This group was very special. We had great chemistry. This will always be a special group."

Lakeshore graduates nine offensive starters, and seven on defense.

GR CHRISTIAN 31, LAKESHORE 7

Christian	7	0	14	10	— 31
Lakeshore	7	0	0	0	— 7

First Quarter
L — Zak Drake 7 run (Tyler Whitwam kick)
C — Dwayne Barfield 33 pass from Alex Van De Vusse (Joel Schipper kick)
Third Quarter
C — Drake Harris 49 pass from Van De Vusse (Schipper kick)
C — Seth McIntosh 2 rub (Schipper kick)
Fourth Quarter
C — Schipper 26 field goal
C — Davaris Collier 34 interception return (Schipper kick)

	GRC	LKS
First Downs	19	16
Total net yards	385	230
Rushes-yards	32-127	31-138
Passing	258	92
Comp-Att-Int	25-16-0	30-11-1
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-42	6-40

Rushing — Christian: Seth McIntosh 12-109; Lakeshore: Zak Drake 8-44, Mike Adams 7-42.
Passing — Christian: Alex Van De Vusse 16-25-0-258; Lakeshore: Johnny Nate 11-30-1-92
Receiving — Christian: Drake Harris 5-88,Davaris Collier 5-82, Dwayne Barfield 4-68; Lakeshore: Harold Wiggins 4-47, Mikey Rivette 2-27.

RAIDERS

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I didn't think Decatur would score 21 points on us at all."

The Raiders got the early lead with the Pirates looking out of sync and confused. On their second play from scrimmage, Nurenberg fumbled the handoff exchange and Decatur's Nate Gerhold recovered the ball at the Pirate 21-yard line.

Five plays later Corey Olkowski scored from 8 yards out.

The Raider defense forced a three-out on the Pirates' next offensive series and with only a 9-yard punt, Decatur moved 26 yards in six plays with Gerhold scoring from 7 yards out for the 14-0 lead.

Although the Pirates were able to get a first down on their next offensive series, Decatur again forced a punt and then ate up four minutes of clock to score at the beginning of the second quarter on a 7-yard pass from Cerven to Botti.

Pewamo-Westphalia then moved Nurenberg into the shotgun formation for the rest of the game.

"We'd seen enough film on them that we knew if they went to the shotgun we'd be in trouble," said Groh. "Our defenders were in position but their size advantage and Nurenberg's throwing accuracy were too much. And with his size several times we'd have him wrapped up in the backfield and he stepped out of it and picked up 10-15 yards running."

Decatur's offense had 120 yards in the first half, but only managed an additional 35 yards the rest of the game.

Olkowski led Decatur with 65 yards on 16 carries, with Gerhold having the same number of carries for 56 yards. Cerven was 3 of 8 passing with two interceptions in the second half for only 26 yards.

On defense the Raiders were led by T.J. Stambek with seven tackles while Gerhold added five and the fumble recovery.

"If you look at how far we've come this year we got better all year long," said Groh. "We just couldn't match up with them in the end."

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA 26, DECATUR 21

PW	0	14	0	12	— 26
Decatur	14	7	0	0	— 21

First Quarter
D — Corey Olkowski 5 run (Alex Martinez kick)
D — Nate Gerhold 7 run (Martinez kick)
Second Quarter
D — Matthew Botti 7 pass from TJ Cerven (Martinez kick)
PW — Lane Simon 30 pass from Kyle Nurenberg (Stanley Fink kick)
PW — Clayton Platte 23 pass from Nurenberg (Fink kick)
Fourth Quarter
PW — Simon 42 from Nurenberg (conversion failed)
PW — Nathan Nurenberg 15 from Kyle Nurenberg (conversion failed)

	PW	Decatur
First downs	11	8
Total net yards	285	161
Rushes-yards	33-110	40-135
Passing	175	26
Comp-Att-Int	12-22-1	3-8-2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40	3-27

Rushing — PW: Jerod Myzack 17-56; Kyl Nurenberg 11-50. Decatur: Nate Gerhold 16-56; Corey Olkowski 16-65.
Passing — PW: Kyle Nurenberg 12-22-4-175; Decatur: T.J. Cerven 3-8-0-26.
Receiving — PW: Lane Simon 6-105; Clayton Platte 5-41.
Records — Pewamo-Westphalia 9-3; Decatur 9-3

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Legends

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Nebraska	5	1	180	174	8	2	374	250
Michigan	5	1	183	90	7	3	297	182
Northwestern	3	3	180	165	7	3	305	239
Minnesota	2	4	113	156	6	4	232	223
Michigan St.	2	4	113	116	5	5	197	163
Iowa	2	4	126	146	4	6	208	220

Leaders

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Ohio St.	6	0	248	170	10	0	399	239
Wisconsin	4	2	209	101	7	3	295	172
Penn St.	4	2	192	125	6	4	280	186
Indiana	2	4	174	227	4	6	312	322
Purdue	1	5	113	213	4	6	283	296
Illinois	0	6	63	211	2	8	169	315

Saturday's Games

Purdue 27, Iowa 24
Wisconsin 62, Indiana 14
Michigan 38, Northwestern 31, OT
Nebraska 32, Penn St. 23
Minnesota 17, Illinois 3

Saturday, Nov. 17

Iowa at Michigan, TBA
Indiana at Penn St., TBA
Northwestern at Michigan St., TBA
Ohio St. at Wisconsin, 3:30 p.m.
Purdue at Illinois, 3:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Nebraska, 3:30 p.m.

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East

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Kent St.	6	0	233	144	9	1	354	252
Bowling Green	5	1	150	66	7	3	233	151
Ohio	4	2	188	156	8	2	334	228
Miami (Ohio)	3	3	174	197	4	6	240	358
Buffalo	2	4	117	179	3	7	219	302
UMass	1	5	86	217	1	9	112	411
Akron	0	7	146	243	110	290	393	

West

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
N. Illinois	6	0	283	91	9	1	406	179
Toledo	5	1	218	168	8	2	336	274
Ball St.	4	2	208	187	7	3	337	327
Cent. Michigan	2	4	189	233	4	6	279	363
W. Michigan	2	5	217	230	4	7	329	327
E. Michigan	0	6	135	233	1	9	220	379

Tuesday's Games

Ball St. 34, Toledo 27

Wednesday's Games

Bowling Green 26, Ohio 14

Saturday's Games

Cent. Michigan 34, E. Michigan 31
Kent St. 48, Miami (Ohio) 32
UMass 22, Akron 14
Buffalo 29, W. Michigan 24

Wednesday, Nov. 14

Ohio at Ball St., 8 p.m.
Toledo at N. Illinois, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 17

Kent St. at Bowling Green, Noon
Miami (Ohio) at Cent. Michigan, 1 p.m.
E. Michigan at W. Michigan, 2 p.m.
Buffalo at UMass, 3 p.m.

Saturday's scores

EAST

Albany (NY) 38, Duquesne 31
Brown 28, Dartmouth 24
Bryant 28, CCSU 25
Buffalo 29, W. Michigan 24
Cincinnati 34, Temple 10
Colgate 35, Lehigh 24
Columbia 34, Cornell 17
Dayton 21, Marist 17
Fordham 36, Lafayette 27
Georgetown 10, Bucknell 3
Maine 51, Georgia St. 7
Penn 30, Harvard 21
Princeton 29, Yale 7
Robert Morris 21, Sacred Heart 17
Rutgers 28, Army 7
St. Francis (Pa.) 45, Monmouth (NJ) 31
Syracuse 45, Louisville 26
Towson 41, Rhode Island 10
Villanova 35, James Madison 20
Wagner 31, Holy Cross 30

SOUTH

Alabama St. 31, Southern U. 30
Alcorn St. 34, Texas Southern 24
Appalachian St. 33, Furman 28
Ark.-Pine Bluff 24, Grambling St. 17
Bethune-Cookman 49, Savannah St. 7
Charleston Southern 28, Gardner-Webb 10
Clemson 45, Maryland 10
Coastal Carolina 65, Presbyterian 7
Delaware St. 35, Hampton 27
E. Kentucky 55, Murray St. 24
FAU 37, W. Kentucky 28
Florida 27, Louisiana-Lafayette 20
Florida A&M 22, NC Central 21
Georgia Southern 69, Howard 26
Georgia Tech 68, North Carolina 50
Jackson St. 35, Alabama A&M 21
Jacksonville 40, Campbell 14
Jacksonville St. 38, Austin Peay 23
Liberty 28, Stony Brook 14
MVSU 22, Prairie View 20
Missouri 51, Tennessee 48, 4OT
NC A&T 17, SC State 7
NC State 37, Wake Forest 6
Norfolk St. 30, Morgan St. 0
Old Dominion 41, William & Mary 31
Richmond 23, Delaware 17
Sam Houston St. 52, Northwestern St. 17
Samford 26, Elon 15
South Carolina 38, Arkansas 20
Tennessee Tech 45, UT-Martin 44, OT
Texas A&M 29, Alabama 24
The Citadel 27, VMI 24
Troy 41, Navy 31
UAB 38, Marshall 31
Virginia 41, Miami 40
Wofford 16, Chattanooga 13

MIDWEST

Adrian 17, Huntingdon 16
Ashland 65, Notre Dame Coll. 0
Augsburg 49, Carleton 24
Augustana (SD) 38, SW Minnesota St. 35
Aurora 47, Rockford 20
Baker 40, Graceland (Iowa) 7
Bemidji St. 49, Minot St. 0
Benedictine (Ill.) 28, Lakeland 3
Benedictine (Kan.) 34, Culver-Stockton 7
Bethel (Minn.) 27, St. John's (Minn.) 22
Carroll (Wis.) 49, Illinois College 14
Cent. Michigan 34, E. Michigan 31
Coe 34, Central 13
Concordia (Ill.) 62, Maranatha Baptist 26
Concordia (Moor.) 29, Gustavus 10
Concordia (Wis.) 17, Wis. Lutheran 14
Cornell (Iowa) 32, Grinnell 27
Davidson 28, Valparaiso 27, OT
Doane 17, Concordia (Neb.) 7
Drake 45, Butler 20
Dubuque 34, Buena Vista 28, OT
E. Illinois 39, SE Missouri 20
Ferris St. 32, N. Michigan 31
Findlay 26, Walsh 7
Franklin 58, Hanover 29
Hillsdale 14, Northwood (Mich.) 3
Hope 28, Albion 20
Iowa Wesleyan 41, Concordia (Mich.) 7
Kalamazoo 31, Olivet 16
Kent St. 48, Miami (Ohio) 32
Macalester 45, Hamline 21
Michigan 38, Northwestern 31, OT
Michigan Tech 35, Wayne (Mich.) 13
Millikin 55, Carthage 13
Minn. Duluth 49, Northern St. (SD) 31
Minn. St.-Mankato 70, Upper Iowa 7
Minn.-Crookston 37, Mary 36
Minnesota 17, Illinois 3
Monmouth (Ill.) 49, Knox 35
N. Dakota St. 20, S. Dakota St. 17
N. Iowa 24, South Dakota 21
Nebraska 32, Penn St. 23
North Central 37, Augustana (Ill.) 6
Ohio Dominican 56, Malone 7
Purdue 27, Iowa 24
Ripon 56, Lawrence 55
Saginaw Valley St. 55, Grand Valley St. 52
Simpson (Iowa) 21, Luther 10
Sioux Falls 24, Wayne (Neb.) 14
St. Cloud St. 39, Minn. St.-Moorhead 37
St. Norbert 20, Lake Forest 10
St. Thomas (Minn.) 35, St. Olaf 21
Tiffin 34, Lake Erie 14
Trine 35, Alma 27
UMass 22, Akron 14
Wartburg 55, Loras 7
Winona St. 49, Concordia (St.P.) 31
Wis.-Eau Claire 28, Wis.-River Falls 7
Wisconsin 62, Indiana 14
Wittenberg 47, Oberlin 20
Youngstown St. 31, W. Illinois 7

SOUTHWEST

Lamar 34, Nicholls St. 24
North Texas 24, South Alabama 14
Oklahoma 42, Baylor 34
Oklahoma St. 55, West Virginia 34
Texas 33, Iowa St. 7
Texas Tech 41, Kansas 34, 2OT
Tulsa 41, Houston 7
UTSA 31, McNeese St. 24

FAR WEST

Arizona 56, Colorado 31
E. Washington 31, UC Davis 28
Montana St. 65, Portland St. 30
N. Colorado 42, Weber St. 34
S. Utah 35, N. Arizona 29, 3OT
San Diego St. 28, Air Force 9
San Jose St. 47, New Mexico St. 7
Southern Cal 38, Arizona St. 17
Stanford 27, Oregon St. 23
Wyoming 28, New Mexico 23

Dave Martin / AP

Texas A&M wide receiver Malcome Kennedy (84) catches the game winning touchdown as Alabama defensive back Dee Milliner (28) defends during the second half of Saturday's game.

Shaking up the title picture

No. 15 Texas A&M upsets No. 1 Alabama

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Before Oregon, Kansas State and Notre Dame took the field, they got some good news.

No. 15 Texas A&M upset No. 1 Alabama 29-24 on Saturday, taking one more unbeaten team out of the race for the BCS championship game.

Johnny Manziel and the Aggies shook up the national title race in Tuscaloosa, Ala., jumping out to a quick three-touchdown lead and then holding on at the end to Alabama's 13-game winning streak.

The Southeastern Conference has won the last six BCS championships, but with Alabama losing and three other teams unbeaten, it will be tough for the SEC to even get in the game without help.

No. 2 Oregon, third in the BCS standings, played California Saturday night. No. 3 Kansas State beat TCU 23-10, and No. 4 Notre Dame was at Boston College.

Alabama would likely need to win out and have two of those three teams lose to reach the national title game.

NO. 3 KANSAS STATE 23, TCU 10

FORT WORTH, Texas — Collin Klein ran for two touchdowns and No. 3 Kansas State bolstered its national title hopes with a victory at Big 12 newcomer TCU.

The Wildcats improved to 10-0 for only the second time under coach Bill Snyder, and moved within two wins of likely reaching their first BCS championship game.

TCU (6-4, 3-4 Big 12) didn't take advantage of Klein's interception on the fourth play of the game. The Heisman Trophy hopeful then hit Chris Harper for a 62-yard pass, and ended that drive with a 7-yard TD run.

No. 7 FLORIDA 27, LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE 20

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Jelani Jenkins returned a blocked punt 36 yards for a touchdown with 2 seconds remaining and Florida rallied in the closing minutes to avoid a huge upset.

Florida (9-1) did little on offense most of the day and looked to be in serious trouble when quarterback Jeff Driskel left the game with an ankle injury.

The Ragin' Cajuns (5-4) led 20-13 after Alonzo Harris' 2-yard run and a blocked punt for a touchdown. But Jacoby Brissett rallied the Gators. Brissett found Jordan Reed down the middle for a 39-yard gain and then hit Quinton Dunbar for 3-yard score with 1:42 remaining.

ULL was content to play for overtime. But Loucheiz Purifoy came off the edge and got his right hand on the punt. Jenkins picked up the deflection and went untouched the other way.

No. 10 CLEMSON 45, MARYLAND 10

CLEMSON, S.C. — Tajh Boyd threw for 261 yards and three touchdowns as Clemson won its sixth straight and record 12th in a row at Death Valley.

Clemson (9-1, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) had little trouble with the banged-up Terps (4-6, 2-4), who again started linebacker Shawn Petty at quarterback because of season-ending injuries to their four scholarship passers.

The Tigers ended things early as Boyd passed for a 13-yard touchdown to Adam Humphries and a 28-yard score to DeAndre Hopkins. In between, Clemson defensive end Corey Crawford brought a Petty fumble 16 yards for a touchdown.

SYRACUSE 45, No. 11 LOUISVILLE 26

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Ryan Nassib threw for 246 yards and three touchdowns, Jerome Smith ran for 144 yards and Syracuse handed Louisville its first loss of the season.

Playing in the last home game of his SU career, Nassib directed an offense that gained 524 total yards. Nassib went 15 of 23 and passed Donovan McNabb for second on the school's career yards passing list.

The Orange (5-5, 4-2 Big East) blew the game open with three touchdowns in the second quarter.

No. 12 SOUTH CAROLINA 38, ARKANSAS 20

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Connor Shaw threw for two touchdowns and ran for another score for South Carolina.

Shaw was 15 of 23 for 279 yards for the Gamecocks (8-2, 6-2 Southeastern Conference), who finished with six league wins for only the second time in 20 years in the SEC.

Arkansas (4-6, 2-4) will now have to beat both Mississippi State and LSU to make a bowl game after starting the season No. 10 in the country.

It was only the second win over the Razorbacks in the last seven games for the Gamecocks and it broke a three-game losing streak during which the Hogs embarrassed South Carolina by double-digits.

No. 14 OKLAHOMA 42, BAYLOR 34

NORMAN, Okla. — Landry Jones threw for 277 yards and two touchdowns, Damien Williams ran for 99 yards and two scores and Bob Stoops moved into sole possession of second place on the school's career wins list.

Backup quarterback Blake Bell scored on a 55-yard keeper in the fourth quarter for the longest run by a quarterback in the Stoops era.

Lache Seastrunk ran for 91 yards and three touchdowns for Baylor (4-5-, 1-5 Big 12), the last score getting the Bears within eight with 1:26 to play after quarterback Nick Florence got in on the 2-point conversion.

No. 15 STANFORD 27, No. 13 OREGON STATE 23

STANFORD, Calif. — Kevin Hogan threw for 254 yards and three touchdowns in his first collegiate start, and Stanford overcame four turnovers to rally past Oregon State.

Cody Vaz fumbled late in the fourth quarter to give the Cardinal (8-2, 6-1) the ball at the Beavers 29. The only Oregon State (7-2, 5-2) turnover turned out to be the difference.

Hogan hit tight end Zach Ertz for a 13-yard touchdown for the go-ahead score and Stanford stopped the Beavers twice more.

No. 19 TEXAS 33, IOWA STATE 7

AUSTIN, Texas — David Ash passed for 364 yards and two touchdowns and Texas honored former coach Darrell Royal by whipping Iowa State.

Ash had a 61-yard touchdown pass to Mike Davis in the first quarter. Johnathan Gray ran for two touchdowns for the Longhorns (8-2, 5-2 Big 12), who won their fourth in a row.

Texas paid tribute during the game to Royal, who died Wednesday at age 88. Texas lined up in the wishbone, the formation Royal introduced to college football in 1968, on the Longhorns' first play.

Instead of a run, Texas ran a trick play that resulted in a 47-yard pass.

No. 21 USC 38, ARIZONA ST. 17

LOS ANGELES — Marqise Lee caught 10 passes for 161 yards and a touchdown, Curtis McNeal rushed for 163 yards and two more scores, and Southern California bounced back from consecutive losses against skidding Arizona State.

Matt Barkley threw for 222 yards and three TDs while becoming the leading passer in conference history for the Trojans (7-3, 5-3 Pac-12), who overcame a slow start and five turnovers to snap their two-game skid. USC hasn't lost three straight since 2001, former coach Pete Carroll's first season.

No. 24 RUTGERS 28, ARMY 7

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Brandon Coleman caught his second touchdown of the game on a 31-yard pass from Gary Nova with 8:49 to play and Rutgers survived a valiant effort by mistake-prone Army.

In bouncing back from its first loss and a two-week layoff that featured Hurricane Sandy and a Nor'easter that dumped a foot of snow in New Jersey, the Scarlet Knights (8-1) scored three times in the final nine minutes.

No. 25 TEXAS TECH 41, KANSAS 34

LUBBOCK, Texas — Running back Eric Stephens threw a 3-yard jump pass to Darrin Moore for a touchdown in double overtime to lead Texas Tech past Kansas.

Kansas had a chance to tie but Michael Cummings couldn't connect with Tre' Parmalee in the end zone on fourth-and-9.

Nebraska pulls off another comeback

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska did it again.

For the second straight week and fourth time this season, the 18th-ranked Cornhuskers overcame a double-digit, second-half deficit to win a football game.

This time they came from 14 points down to beat Penn State 32-23 Saturday, with Taylor Martinez throwing a 5-yard touchdown pass to Jamal Turner early in the fourth quarter for Nebraska's first lead.

"We've got a lot of heart," Martinez said, "and we know we can come back from anything."

The Huskers (8-2, 5-1 Big Ten) were in danger of losing control of the league's Legends Division after Michigan rallied to beat Northwestern in overtime earlier in the day.

As it is, Nebraska owns the tie-breaker over the Wolverines with games remaining against Minnesota at home and Iowa on the road.

Penn State (6-4, 4-2) had its three-game Big Ten road win streak end.

Purdue 27, Iowa 24

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Paul Griggs drilled a 46-yard field goal as time expired and Purdue stunned Iowa.

Robert Marve threw for 266 yards and two touchdowns for the Boilermakers (4-6, 1-5 Big Ten), who won for the first time in Iowa City in 20 years.

Purdue led 24-14 before Iowa (4-6, 2-4) rallied to tie the game with 3:32 left. But the Boilermakers stuffed the Hawkeyes on fourth down at the Purdue 35-yard line, and then drove 37 yards to set up the game-winning kick by Griggs.

James Vandenberg had 190 yards passing and a TD for Iowa, which has lost four straight for the first time since 2007.

Wisconsin 62, Indiana 14

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Montee Ball ran for 198 yards and three touchdowns, James White scored on runs of 69 and 50 yards, and Wisconsin set a school rushing record at Indiana.

The Badgers (7-3, 4-2) will now have a chance to claim their third straight Big Ten crown after clinching a spot in the league's title game.

Ball also moved past 1998 Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams and into second place on the FBS career list. He has 77 career TDs, trailing only Travis Prentice of Miami (Ohio) who had 78.

Indiana (4-6, 2-4) hasn't beaten the Badgers since 2002 and had its two-game winning streak end.

Ball opened the scoring with a 10-yard TD run, and White added a 69-yard TD run late in the half to make it 24-7. Ball had two more TD runs in the third quarter.

Minnesota 17, Illinois 3

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — It wasn't pretty, but Minnesota was good enough.

In a battle of sluggish offenses, Minnesota running back Donnell Kirkwood did most of the work, rushing for 152 yards and two touchdowns. Kirkwood's 3-yard run in the third quarter broke a 3-3 tie. He scored on a 12-yard run late in the fourth quarter to clinch the victory, giving his team its fourth straight win at Illinois.

Minnesota (6-4, 2-4 Big Ten) became bowl eligible for the first time since 2009, and won for the second time in three tries. Illinois (2-8, -6) has dropped seven straight including 12 in a row within Big Ten play.

The victory was the first Big Ten road win for second-year Minnesota coach Jerry Kill.

In their first eight possessions, the Illini had a 20-yard field goal by Nick Immekus in the first quarter, a fumble and six punts.

Central Michigan rallies past Eastern Michigan

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YPSILANTI, Mich. — Ryan Radcliff passed for 284 yards and two touchdowns and Zurlon Tipton surpassed 1,000 yards rushing for the season as Central Michigan defeated Eastern Michigan 34-31 Saturday.

Radcliff threw TDs of 10 and 14 yards to Andrew Flory, who had nine catches for 188 yards for the Chippewas (4-6, 2-4 Mid-American). Tipton added an 11-yard TD run and 110 yards rushing — giving him 1,093 for the year, which is the most at Central Michigan since quarterback Dan LeFevour totaled 1,122 in 2007.

Quarterback Alex Gillett had 162 yards rushing and two touchdowns for Eastern Michigan (1-9, 0-6), which led 14-0 in the first quarter. He was also 7 of 17 passing for 77 yards and a touchdown.

The Chippewas trailed 21-10 early in the third quarter before TDs by Tipton and Flory and a 49-yard interception return for a score by Kavon Frazier put them ahead for good.

BUFFALO 29, W. MICHIGAN 24

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Joe Licata's 30-yard touchdown pass to Alex Neutz in the fourth quarter proved the game-winner as Buffalo topped Western Michigan in Mid-American Conference action.

The touchdown with 10:53 left capped a six-play, 77-yard drive that took just over two minutes.

Licata was 21-of-33 passing for 285 yards and the score.

The Broncos (4-7, 2-5) committed three turnovers after Licata's TD pass, including two in Buffalo territory.

The Bulls (3-7, 2-4) jumped to a 17-0 advantage on rushing touchdowns by Branden Oliver and Devin Campbell and a 30-yard field goal by Patrick Clarke before Western Michigan scored 21 straight points on three Alex Carder TD passes — 17- and 27-yarders to Eric Monette and an 8-yarder to Kendrick Roberts.

Two more Clarke field goals propelled Buffalo briefly back into the lead, 23-20, before Andrew Haldeman put the Broncos ahead with a 28-yard kick, setting up the Bison's winning drive.

Lions, Vikings have different look this time around

By DAVE CAMPBELL
AP Pro Football Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Detroit and Minnesota are due for their second of two annual matchups. The Lions and Vikings might need a reintroduction to each other, even though they're NFC North foes that played just six weeks ago.

They've each looked a lot different on the field lately, since that convincing Sept. 30 victory in Detroit by Minnesota.

"Much more balanced," Vikings defensive end Jared Allen said, assessing the change in the Lions since their 1-3 start. "They're running the ball well."

The Vikings held the Lions, who haven't had a 1,000-yard rusher in any season since Kevin Jones in 2004 and last year didn't even have a guy get to 400 yards, to 55 yards on the ground on 20 attempts when they met earlier. The Vikings used two special teams touchdowns to win 20-13 that day, and despite only 227 total yards of offense they were in control from kickoff to finish.

After becoming the first modern-NFL team to allow scores in consecutive games by both punt and kickoff returns, the Lions (4-4) haven't yielded a special teams touchdown since. They've also found a featured runner from their oft-injured backfield, now that Mikel Leshoure is healthy and beginning to blossom.

Last year's second-round draft pick scored three times in the first half last week in beating Jacksonville and is averaging nearly 4.7 yards per carry over the last four games. The Lions have won three of those.

"I never questioned myself. It was just a matter of getting on the field. Talentwise, I've always had confidence," Leshoure said. "We're on a roll and we're doing some good things. We're doing a good job of being balanced and if we can keep doing that, it'll be hard for teams to defend us."

The Vikings effectively quieted star wide receiver Calvin Johnson in the last matchup, hitting him hard almost every time the ball went his way, and the man they call "Megatron" has just one touchdown catch this season while being bothered by a bad left knee. But quarterback Matthew Stafford is in fine form again, and with each productive carry by Leshoure the offense can only be better. Their 3,287 total yards are the most in franchise history through eight games and second in the NFL behind New England.

The Vikings (5-4) peaked the week after their victory at Detroit and have given up a 100-yard rusher in each of the last four games. Guys getting out of their gaps and failing to finish tackles have been a big problem lately.

"I don't think it's a crisis. I mean, we're still 5-4 and we still have our entire division ahead of us," Allen said, adding: "I know it seems glaring, but it's just doing some little things here and there that allow things to leak out. So we've just got to be more consistent."

Looking for a second consecutive postseason appearance for the first time since three in a row from 1993-95, Detroit has two games left against Green Bay and one more with Chicago. Throw in matchups with unbeaten Atlanta, Houston and surprising Indianapolis, too. The solace for the Lions is that five of their last seven contests are at home. This game at Minnesota is their fourth out of five since their bye on the road.

"Whether it's the first game of the year or the ninth game of the year, whatever it is, when you're playing a division opponent it becomes more important because a win for you also puts a loss on them," Lions coach Jim Schwartz said. "The way they started the season, they put themselves in the picture. We can't worry about that. We need to worry about just this game."

Although Adrian Peterson leads the NFL with 957 yards rushing this season after his season-best 182 against the Seahawks, the Vikings badly need to put their passing game back on track. Christian Ponder passed for only 100 yards at Detroit the first time, but he connected with Jerome Simpson for four receptions and 50 yards.

The Lions aren't where they were prior to their last meeting with Minnesota, either. This is a better place.

"We're just being more efficient. You know, continuing drives, being better on third down and punching them in at the end with touchdowns in the red zone," Stafford said.

Del Potro beats Federer in ATP semifinals

By MATTIAS KAREN
AP Sports Writer

LONDON — Juan Martin del Potro is getting the better of Roger Federer again, in a way that no player had managed in a decade.

To end the season with a title, though, he might have to get past the Swiss great again in just two days.

Using his hard serve and booming forehand, Del Potro earned the last spot in the semifinals of the ATP finals Saturday by overcoming the already-qualified Federer 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-3 in their last round-robin match. Del Potro will face Novak Djokovic in the semifinals Sunday, before Federer takes on Andy Murray.

It was Federer's second straight loss to Del Potro, who also beat him in the final in the Swiss star's hometown tournament in Basel last month. It's the first time a player has beaten Federer in two straight indoor tournaments since Lleyton Hewitt in 2002.

"It's a little record, but really tough to do it," Del Potro said. "To beat Federer is not easy, for sure. But I didn't think about the semis or trying to qualify for the next round. Just was thinking about my match, doing the same things like in Basel."

Del Potro beat Federer in the 2009 U.S. Open final for his only Grand Slam title, leading many to predict that the tall Argentine would challenge for many more major titles. But he then had much of the next season ruined by a serious wrist injury and has struggled to re-establish himself at the top.

This year, he wasted a two-set lead against Federer in the French Open quarterfinals and lost to him in the longest Olympic match ever, an epic semifinal that ended 19-17 in the third set.

"Good effort (from) his side to get me twice in a row now," Federer said. "I hoped I didn't have to lose against him again today."

It was Federer's first loss in the indoor tournament since 2009, ending a 12-match winning streak. He went undefeated in winning the last two titles and had won his first two group-stage matches this year.

Del Potro's win left David Ferrer and Janko Tipsarevic with only prize money and pride to play for in their group finale as both players had been eliminated. Ferrer seemed the most sluggish at the start and lost the first four games, but the Spaniard recovered to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, leaving Tipsarevic without a victory in the tournament.

That match still had an impact on the tournament, as it meant Federer won the group ahead of Del Potro and was matched with Murray in the semifinals. Had Tipsarevic won, the order would have been reversed.

Del Potro said he still considers himself the underdog in the tournament.

"Now you have three big names in the semifinals, and one big guy," the 6-foot-6 (1.98-meter) Del Potro said.

Del Potro converted his only break point of the match in the opening game of the deciding set and held his own serve comfortably to wrap up the win at London's O2 Arena.

He converted his first match point with a forehand passing shot that Federer netted off a lunging backhand volley.

Sang Tan / AP

Juan Martin del Potro plays a return to Roger Federer during their ATP World Tour Finals match Saturday.

Tim Sharp / AP

Brad Keselowski is followed by the lead lap cars into a pit stop during a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Texas Motor Speedway Nov. 4.

Maturation process

Keselowski grows with experience in Chase race

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

AVONDALE, Ariz. — It would have been easy for Brad Keselowski to wreck Jimmie Johnson at the end of last week's race at Texas Motor Speedway.

Keselowski would have won the race, surged ahead of Johnson in their championship battle and maybe even put enough separation on him to win his first career Sprint Cup title.

But Keselowski said he wouldn't have felt good about winning that way. So he raced Johnson hard — but clean — on the final restart at Texas and wound up finishing second.

Johnson went on to his second consecutive victory, and took a seven-point lead over Keselowski into Sunday's race at Phoenix, the penultimate event in the 10-race Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

So why didn't Keselowski go for broke?

"Jimmie has never done anything to me to deserve to be raced in that manner," he said. "When I race people the way I race them, I race them off of a code that you know usually exists off how they've started racing me. He never did anything to deserve to be wrecked, that's for sure. I'm not in the habit of just wrecking people just to wreck 'em. Now obviously if somebody does something to push me around, that's a little different."

His record speaks for itself, and Phoenix was the site of Keselowski's first meeting with NASCAR chairman Brian France during his 2009 feud with Denny Hamlin.

Keselowski had staked a reputation as an aggressive driver who was unapologetic for anything he had to do on the track to be successful. He would not back down to anyone, and he had no interest in hearing any sort of lectures about etiquette or respect for veterans.

It was all unfolding in the second-tier Nationwide Series, where Hamlin was moonlighting and could get away with trying to teach a young driver a lesson. It boiled over at Phoenix, where Keselowski twice hit Hamlin's car in retaliation to wreck him.

Hamlin later complained trying to discuss anything with Keselowski was like "talking to the concrete."

Keselowski was summoned to meet before the Cup race the next morning to a 20-minute meeting with France and other NASCAR officials.

Now, three years later, he's in the thick of a championship race and Hamlin himself sees a changed driver.

"He's better. He'll tell you he's better now and, obviously, it's leading to a lot of success," Hamlin said. "I think that Brad (Keselowski) is one of the best racers out there at this point. Not only from the speed that he has, but the ethics in which he races. He's a great guy to race with. Really to me, there's no resemblance from the Brad before to the Brad now."

So much so that Johnson never worried Keselowski would race him dirty on the final two restarts at Texas. The two drivers were lined up side-by-side twice with the win up for grabs, and Johnson knew Keselowski would give him his best shot.

But he didn't think Keselowski would intentionally wreck him.

"I really feel like he was extremely aggressive and had that mindset of going for broke," Johnson said. "But we all evolve as drivers and I think he was more in control of his vehicle Sunday night than he was when he was new to the sport. I've always raced him with a clear mind and not worry. It never crossed my mind that he would make an intentional move to dump me. There are only a few people out there wired like that.

"People race really, really hard and I think Brad did, but to just go in the corner and dump someone, man that is tough to do. Then you play into the karma thing and then there is always next week. I just don't think there are many guys out there that would haul off into the turn and just dump their competition for the championship."

Kyle Busch, who finished third behind Johnson and Keselowski at Texas, had a prime seat for the battle and didn't think Keselowski was a choir boy in the closing laps and could have trouble with other drivers over the next two weeks.

"It seemed like Brad ran Jimmie up the track a little bit and if you're Jimmie Johnson, obviously you feel like you have one over the guy," Busch said. "Jimmie is smarter than that and better than that, where you don't expect that from him. You see, even if you're myself or Tony (Stewart) or somebody else just running around for race wins, guys that are eliminated from the championship, you almost kind of side with a guy who is cleaner (Johnson) than another guy and you'll do anything you can to make that other guy's day hell."

But Roger Penske, Keselowski's team owner, believes his driver has made great strides the last three years and has changed some minds in the industry.

"One of the great things that has happened is Brad has gained the respect of the garage area from the standpoint of the drivers and the teams and obviously the officials," Penske said. "I think that he sees people like Jimmie and Jeff (Gordon), people who are real stars here, and I think he's trying to emulate that on the race track and show how good he is."

Logano wins Nationwide race; Sadler wreck hurts his chances at title

AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Ricky Stenhouse Jr. moved a big step closer toward defending his Nationwide Series championship with a strong run at Phoenix International Raceway.

He also got some help from Elliott Sadler, who had a rough day start to finish.

The two title contenders started Saturday tied for the championship, and likely would have gone into next weekend's finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway locked into a tight race. But as Stenhouse battled Joey Logano and Brian Vickers for the lead headed to the white flag, Elliott Sadler imploded 10 positions behind them.

Sadler was racing hard for 12th with Justin Allgaier and Cole Whitt when he triggered a three-car accident.

"I just got loose. It's hard to put this into words," Sadler said. "It's been a long, great season and my guys deserve better effort from me than wrecking the car on the last lap."

The accident brought the race to a halt, and Sadler had to sit in his battered car as NASCAR cleaned the track.

Once cleared, he returned to pit road for some futile repairs, but the race went on without him into overtime.

Logano pulled away in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota for his ninth win of the season, with Vickers finishing second.

Stenhouse wound up third, and Sadler, his wounded car sputtering and sparking, was 22nd.

Sadler was 10 points behind Stenhouse before the accident, but now goes to the finale down by 20. It capped a day that saw him wreck his primary Chevrolet on his qualifying lap, and it took his Richard Childress Racing team almost until the start of the race to get his backup car prepared.

Stenhouse needs to finish 16th or better at Homestead to become the sixth driver in Nationwide history to win consecutive titles.

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	3	0	.625	262	170
Miami	4	4	0	.500	170	149
N.Y. Jets	3	5	0	.375	168	200
Buffalo	3	5	0	.375	180	248

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	7	1	0	.875	237	137
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	186	201
Tennessee	3	6	0	.333	182	308
Jacksonville	1	8	0	.111	127	246

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	6	2	0	.750	199	176
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	191	164
Cincinnati	3	5	0	.375	189	218
Cleveland	2	7	0	.222	169	211

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	5	3	0	.625	235	175
San Diego	4	4	0	.500	185	157
Oakland	3	5	0	.375	171	229
Kansas City	1	7	0	.125	133	240

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	.667	254	185
Philadelphia	3	5	0	.375	133	183
Dallas	3	5	0	.375	150	181
Washington	3	6	0	.333	226	248

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	8	0	0	1.000	220	143
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	.500	226	185
New Orleans	3	5	0	.375	218	229
Carolina	2	6	0	.250	149	180

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	7	1	0	.875	236	120
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667	239	187
Minnesota	5	4	0	.556	204	197
Detroit	4	4	0	.500	192	188

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	6	2	0	.750	189	103
Seattle	5	4	0	.556	170	154
Arizona	4	5	0	.444	144	173
St. Louis	3	5	0	.375	137	186

Thursday's Game

Indianapolis 27, Jacksonville 10

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Denver at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Miami, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Arizona, Cleveland, Green Bay, Washington

Monday's Game

Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 15

Miami at Buffalo, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 18

Cleveland at Dallas, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 4:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Minnesota, N.Y. Giants, Seattle, Tennessee

Monday, Nov. 19

Chicago at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

AFC Individual Leaders
Week 10
Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
P. Manning, DEN	292	203	2404	20	6
Roethlisberger, PIT	298	200	2203	16	4
Brady, NWE	320	209	2408	16	3
Schaub, HOU	249	159	1918	12	4
Dalton, CIN	285	182	2130	14	11
P. Rivers, SND	263	175	1866	12	10
Fitzpatrick, BUF	256	158	1674	15	9
C. Palmer, OAK	330	201	2355	13	8
Flacco, BAL	276	165	1990	10	6
Hasselbeck, TEN	220	138	1367	7	5

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
A. Foster, HOU	192	770	4.01	46	10
Chr. Johnson, TEN	147	736	5.01	83t	3
Ridley, NWE	150	716	4.77	41	5
J. Charles, KAN	132	634	4.80	91t	2
R. Rice, BAL	131	622	4.75	43	6
McGahee, DEN	146	620	4.25	31	4
T. Richardson, CLE	152	575	3.78	32t	5
Spiller, BUF	78	562	7.21	56t	4
Re. Bush, MIA	122	534	4.38	65t	4
Greene, NYJ	139	509	3.66	36	5

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Wayne, IND	69	931	13.5	30t	3
Welker, NWE	60	736	12.3	59	2
A.. Green, CIN	51	735	14.4	73t	8
Decker, DEN	46	583	12.7	55	7
De. Thomas, DEN	45	756	16.8	71t	4
Bowe, KAN	45	571	12.7	46	3
R. Gronkowski, NWE	43	580	13.5	41	7
And. Johnson, HOU	42	562	13.4	60t	2
Ant. Brown, PIT	42	499	11.9	27	1
Ke. Wright, TEN	42	381	9.1	35	3

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Fields, MIA	39	2012	63	51.6
Anger, JAC	54	2611	73	48.4
Scifres, SND	32	1545	66	48.3
Lechler, OAK	42	2016	68	48.0
Kern, TEN	42	2007	63	47.8
McAfee, IND	36	1722	64	47.8
Donn. Jones, HOU	42	1981	66	47.2
Malone, NYJ	41	1921	61	46.9
B. Colquitt, DEN	31	1452	67	46.8
Huber, CIN	37	1731	65	46.8

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
McKelvin, BUF	13	253	19.5	88t	1
M. Thigpen, MIA	15	212	14.1	72t	1
Kerley, NYJ	10	141	14.1	68t	1
Ad. Jones, CIN	10	127	12.7	81t	1
Cribbs, CLE	23	289	12.6	60	0
Br. Tate, CIN	12	126	10.5	32	0
Arenas, KAN	21	211	10.0	27	0
T. Holliday, HOU	16	147	9.2	36	0
Hilton, IND	14	115	8.2	14	0
Jac. Jones, BAL	10	79	7.9	19	0

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Jac. Jones, BAL	13	435	33.5	108t	1
McKelvin, BUF	12	357	29.8	59	0
Cribbs, CLE	27	801	29.7	74	0
McKnight, NYJ	20	586	29.3	100t	1
C. Rainey, PIT	20	581	29.1	68	0
M. Thigpen, MIA	18	508	28.2	57	0
D. McCourty, NWE	13	359	27.6	104t	1
Goodman, SND	18	497	27.6	39	0
Br. Tate, CIN	18	491	27.3	45	0
D. Thompson, BAL	15	389	25.9	49	0

Scoring
Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
A. Foster, HOU	11	10	1	0	66
A.. Green, CIN	8	0	8	0	48
Decker, DEN	7	0	7	0	42
R. Gronkowski, NWE	7	0	7	0	42
H. Miller, PIT	6	0	6	0	38
R. Rice, BAL	6	6	0	0	36
T. Richardson, CLE	6	5	1	0	36
O. Daniels, HOU	5	0	5	0	30
Greene, NYJ	5	5	0	0	30
Luck, IND	5	5	0	0	30

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Gostkowski, NWE	29-29	17-20	53	80
Janikowski, OAK	14-14	19-20	52	71
Vinatieri, IND	16-16	18-24	53	70
Suisham, PIT	18-18	17-18	52	69
P. Dawson, CLE	16-16	17-17	52	67

NFC Individual Leaders
Week 10
Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
A. Rodgers, GBY	327	219	2383	25	5
M. Ryan, ATL	299	206	2360	17	6
Ale. Smith, SNF	209	145	1659	12	5
Brees, NOR	342	209	2549	22	8
Jo. Freeman, TAM	253	141	2047	16	5
Griffin III, WAS	262	172	1993	8	3
R. Wilson, SEA	234	145	1639	13	8
Kolb, ARI	183	109	1169	8	3
E. Manning, NYG	318	194	2426	12	9
Cutler, CHI	241	144	1774	12	8

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
A. Peterson, MIN	168	957	5.70	74	6
M. Lynch, SEA	185	881	4.76	77t	4
Do. Martin, TAM	154	794	5.16	70t	7
Morris, WAS	164	793	4.84	39t	5
Gore, SNF	119	656	5.51	37	4
L. McCoy, PHL	146	623	4.27	34	2
Bradshaw, NYG	141	618	4.38	37	4
Forte, CHI	107	539	5.04	46	3
Griffin III, WAS	81	529	6.53	76t	6
M. Turner, ATL	127	514	4.05	43	4

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Harvin, MIN	62	677	10.9	45	3
B. Marshall, CHI	59	797	13.5	39t	7
Witten, DAL	58	538	9.3	35	1
Cruz, NYG	57	717	12.6	80t	7
Fitzgerald, ARI	51	585	11.5	37t	4
Gonzalez, ATL	50	495	9.9	25	4
Ca. Johnson, DET	48	767	16.0	51	1
R. White, ATL	47	709	15.1	59	4
Cobb, GBY	45	500	11.1	39t	6
Colston, NOR	44	626	14.2	40	6

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Morstead, NOR	36	1843	70	51.2
J. Ryan, SEA	36	1801	73	50.0
Hekker, STL	34	1666	68	49.0
McBriar, PHL	20	963	64	48.2
A. Lee, SNF	31	1478	66	47.7
Bosher, ATL	30	1398	63	46.6
Zastudil, ARI	59	2724	68	46.2
Weatherford, NYG	33	1521	60	46.1
Masthay, GBY	44	1959	65	44.5
Kluwe, MIN	40	1765	59	44.1

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Ginn Jr., SNF	17	210	12.4	38	0
Cobb, GBY	19	211	11.1	75t	1
Sherels, MIN	18	179	9.9	77t	1
Logan, DET	20	183	9.2	48	0
Hester, CHI	19	171	9.0	44	0
L. Washington, SEA	22	187	8.5	52	0
Parrish, TAM	15	119	7.9	26	0
P. Peterson, ARI	34	263	7.7	26	0
Franks, ATL	10	68	6.8	22	0
Sproles, NOR	10	66	6.6	16	0

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Harvin, MIN	16	574	35.9	105t	1
L. Washington, SEA	15	436	29.1	83	0
Sproles, NOR	14	402	28.7	48	0
Cobb, GBY	20	556	27.8	46	0
Ky. Williams, SNF	12	330	27.5	94	0
D. Wilson, NYG	31	832	26.8	66	0
Hester, CHI	11	295	26.8	38	0
J. Rodgers, ATL	11	294	26.7	77	0
Banks, WAS	19	467	24.6	55	0
Benn, TAM	13	306	23.5	55	0

Scoring
Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Jam. Jones, GBY	8	0	8	0	48
Do. Martin, TAM	8	7	1	0	48
Cobb, GBY	7	0	6	1	42
Cruz, NYG	7	0	7	0	42
B. Marshall, CHI	7	0	7	0	42
And. Brown, NYG	6	6	0	0	38
Colston, NOR	6	0	6	0	36
Griffin III, WAS	6	6	0	0	36
V. Jackson, TAM	6	0	6	0	36
A. Peterson, MIN	6	6	0	0	36

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Tynes, NYG	24-24	26-29	50	102
M. Bryant, ATL	22-22	20-23	55	82
Walsh, MIN	19-19	19-20	55	76
Gould, CHI	26-26	16-18	54	74
Ja. Hanson, DET	19-19	17-19	53	70

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Saturday's regional scores
Division 1
Detroit Catholic Central 28, Plymouth 7
Rockford 25, Clarkston 14
Division 2
Muskegon 49, Midland 21
Division 3
Grand Rapids Christian 31, Lakeshore 7
Orchard Lake St. Mary 42, Detroit East English 18
Division 4
Comstock Park 62, West Branch Ogemaw Heights 27
Detroit Country Day 47, Grosse Ile 14
Division 5
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 16, River Rouge 6
Menominee 28, Clare 21
Division 6
Shelby 26, Negaunee 22
Division 7
Detroit Loyola 32, Britton-Deerfield 0
Ishpeming 28, Lake City 12
Pewamo-Westphalia 26, Decatur 21
Division 8
Harbor Beach 17, Waterford Our Lady 10
Muskegon Catholic Central 28, Mendon 6
MHSAA Semifinals
Eight-Player
Bellaire 20, Rapid River 16
Deckerville 36, Portland St. Patrick 30, 2OT

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	4	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	4	2	.667	1
Brooklyn	2	2	.500	2
Boston	2	3	.400	2½
Toronto	1	5	.167	4

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	5	1	.833	—
Atlanta	2	2	.500	2
Charlotte	2	3	.400	2½
Orlando	2	3	.400	2½
Washington	0	5	.000	4½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	3	1	.750	—
Chicago	4	2	.667	—
Indiana	3	4	.429	1½
Cleveland	2	4	.333	2
Detroit	0	7	.000	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	5	1	.833	—
Memphis	4	1	.800	½
New Orleans	3	2	.600	1½
Dallas	4	3	.571	1½
Houston	3	3	.500	2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	4	2	.667	—
Minnesota	4	2	.667	—
Denver	3	3	.500	1
Portland	2	3	.400	1½
Utah	2	4	.333	2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	4	2	.667	—
Golden State	3	3	.500	1
Phoenix	3	3	.500	1
Sacramento	2	4	.333	2
L.A. Lakers	2	4	.333	2

Friday's Games

Brooklyn 107, Orlando 68
Milwaukee 101, Washington 91
Philadelphia 106, Boston 100
Miami 95, Atlanta 89
New York 104, Dallas 94
Minnesota 96, Indiana 94
Memphis 93, Houston 85
New Orleans 107, Charlotte 99
Oklahoma City 105, Detroit 94
Phoenix 107, Cleveland 105
San Antonio 97, Sacramento 86
L.A. Lakers 101, Golden State 77
Denver 104, Utah 84

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia 93, Toronto 83
Indiana 89, Washington 85
Charlotte 101, Dallas 97, OT
Chicago 87, Minnesota 80
Houston 96, Detroit 82
Boston at Milwaukee
Phoenix at Utah
San Antonio at Portland
Denver at Golden State

Today's Games

Orlando at Brooklyn, 3 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Miami at Memphis, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

ROCKETS 96, PISTONS 82

DETROIT (82)
Prince 6-9 0-0 13, Maxiell 3-6 0-0 6, Monroe 4-10 4-4 12, Knight 6-10 2-2 16, Stuckey 4-12 0-0 8, Jerebko 3-12 0-0 8, Singler 0-5 0-0 0, Drummond 2-2 3-6 7, Bynum 0-4 0-0 0, Villanueva 1-5 0-2 3, Middleton 1-3 2-2 4, Daye 2-2 0-0 5. Totals 32-80 11-16 82.
HOUSTON (96)
Parsons 3-10 0-0 8, Patterson 1-5 0-0 2, Asik 5-12 4-4 14, Lin 2-7 2-2 7, Harden 6-14 6-7 20, Douglas 3-7 4-4 11, Morris 6-7 0-2 12, Delfino 2-7 0-1 5, Smith 0-2 2-2 2, Jones 1-6 2-2 5, Aldrich 1-2 0-0 2, Cook 2-2 0-0 5, Motiejunas 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 33-82 21-26 96.

Detroit	**15**	**26**	**16**	**25**	**— 82**
Houston	**20**	**27**	**25**	**24**	**— 96**

3-Point Goals—Detroit 7-20 (Knight 2-4, Jerebko 2-6, Prince 1-1, Daye 1-1, Villanueva 1-3, Bynum 0-1, Singler 0-2, Stuckey 0-2), Houston 9-26 (Harden 2-6, Parsons 2-6, Cook 1-1, Jones 1-3, Douglas 1-3, Lin 1-3, Delfino 1-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 52 (Monroe 11), Houston 55 (Morris, Asik 8). Assists—Detroit 17 (Knight 7), Houston 23 (Lin 8). Total Fouls—Detroit 16, Houston 17. Technicals—Jerebko. A—15,037 (18,023).

NASCAR

Nationwide-Great Clips 200
Saturday
At Phoenix International Raceway
Avondale, Ariz.
Lap length: 1 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (1) Joey Logano, Toyota, 204 laps, 149.7 rating, 0 points, $55,050.
2. (5) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 204, 122.2, 0, $34,300.
3. (8) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 204, 118.6, 42, $40,318.
4. (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 204, 111.8, 0, $27,265.
5. (7) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 204, 117.6, 0, $23,740.
6. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 204, 104.2, 38, $31,358.
7. (17) Michael Annett, Ford, 204, 99.1, 37, $25,908.
8. (10) Brian Scott, Toyota, 204, 95, 36, $24,833.
9. (6) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 204, 110.2, 0, $18,000.
10. (14) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 204, 90.3, 34, $25,233.
11. (12) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 204, 88.5, 33, $23,908.
12. (9) Jason Leffler, Chevrolet, 204, 81.7, 0, $23,758.
13. (15) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 204, 78.9, 31, $23,608.
14. (4) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 204, 98.1, 30, $24,248.
15. (22) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 204, 81.8, 29, $24,538.
16. (20) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 204, 73.9, 28, $23,253.
17. (27) Jason Bowles, Toyota, 204, 69.9, 27, $25,643.
18. (36) Jamie Dick, Chevrolet, 204, 67.7, 26, $22,883.
19. (34) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 204, 60.1, 25, $22,773.
20. (18) Eric McClure, Toyota, 204, 62.1, 24, $23,338.
21. (23) Paulie Harraka, Ford, 203, 61, 0, $16,085.
22. (16) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 203, 78.6, 22, $22,443.
23. (19) Jeff Green, Toyota, 201, 67.5, 21, $15,840.
24. (33) Derrike Cope, Chevrolet, 200, 49.6, 20, $15,725.
25. (39) John Blankenship, Chevrolet, 200, 48.8, 19, $22,608.
26. (11) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, accident, 199, 81.5, 0, $22,098.
27. (42) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, 199, 52.1, 17, $22,063.
28. (38) Daryl Harr, Chevrolet, 199, 43.4, 16, $21,993.
29. (13) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, accident, 198, 76.5, 15, $21,918.
30. (37) Dexter Stacey, Ford, 197, 43.9, 14, $22,183.
31. (41) Derek White, Toyota, 188, 35.8, 13, $21,848.
32. (40) Noel Dowler, Ford, accident, 182, 39, 12, $21,813.
33. (21) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, oil pump, 86, 66.1, 11, $21,778.
34. (26) Kevin Lepage, Ford, axle, 39, 47.2, 10, $15,275.
35. (32) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, engine, 20, 43, 9, $15,240.
36. (43) Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, overheating, 18, 36.5, 8, $15,205.
37. (25) Erik Darnell, Chevrolet, ignition, 18, 43.1, 7, $15,160.
38. (28) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, rear gear, 17, 40.9, 0, $15,125.
39. (24) Blake Koch, Toyota, brakes, 17, 31.9, 5, $14,865.
40. (29) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, electrical, 15, 34.6, 0, $14,830.
41. (35) Carl Long, Ford, brakes, 12, 34.5, 3, $14,795.
42. (30) Chase Miller, Chevrolet, brakes, 8, 33.4, 2, $14,745.
43. (31) Tony Raines, Toyota, vibration, 5, 32.3, 0, $14,677.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 98.077 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 4 minutes, 48 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.668 seconds.
Caution Flags: 10 for 40 laps.
Lead Changes: 6 among 4 drivers.
Lap Leaders: J.Logano 1-71; R.Stenhouse Jr. 72-74; J.Logano 75-121; B.Keselowski 122-153; J.Logano 154-197; B.Vickers 198; J.Logano 199-204.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): J.Logano, 4 times for 168 laps; B.Keselowski, 1 time for 32 laps; R.Stenhouse Jr., 1 time for 3 laps; B.Vickers, 1 time for 1 lap.
Top 10 in Points: 1. R.Stenhouse Jr., 1,212; 2. E.Sadler, 1,192; 3. A.Dillon, 1,187; 4. S.Hornish Jr., 1,105; 5. M.Annett, 1,050; 6. J.Allgaier, 1,043; 7. C.Whitt, 960; 8. M.Bliss, 877; 9. B.Scott, 816; 10. D.Patrick, 806.

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Lineup
After Friday qualifying; race today
At Phoenix International Raceway
Avondale, Ariz.
Lap length: 1 miles
(Car number in parentheses)
1. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 138.766 mph.
2. (56) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 138.217.
3. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 137.578.
4. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 137.478.
5. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 137.211.
6. (78) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 137.007.
7. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 136.992.
8. (51) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 136.872.
9. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 136.867.
10. (55) Mark Martin, Toyota, 136.867.
11. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 136.83.
12. (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 136.721.
13. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 136.679.
14. (2) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 136.622.
15. (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 136.488.
16. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 136.436.
17. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 136.358.
18. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 136.353.
19. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 136.271.
20. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 136.219.
21. (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 136.003.
22. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 135.905.
23. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 135.547.
24. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 135.44.
25. (13) Casey Mears, Ford, 135.211.
26. (22) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 135.171.
27. (83) Landon Cassill, Toyota, 134.948.
28. (98) Michael McDowell, Ford, 134.948.
29. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 134.933.
30. (47) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, 134.449.
31. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 134.373.
32. (30) David Stremme, Toyota, 134.343.
33. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 134.198.
34. (44) David Reutimann, Ford, 134.008.
35. (33) Stephen Leicht, Chevrolet, 133.62.
36. (19) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 133.576.
37. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 132.954.
38. (26) Josh Wise, Ford, 132.817.
39. (93) Travis Kvapil, Toyota, 132.387.
40. (91) Jason Leffler, Chevrolet, 131.329.
41. (32) Timmy Hill, Ford, 129.945.
42. (36) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
43. (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 130.067.

Failed to Qualify

44. (37) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 127.056.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Penn 1, Lakeshore-St. Joseph 0
First Period
P — Brad Sievers (Ian Fleming, Matt Hummel) 7:20.
Saves — Glowacki (LSJ) 19, Turner (P) 6.

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DAVE DREESE MEMORIAL — Scott Fleisher 781 (299), Bob Kish Jr. 759 (267), Dave Matheny 753 (258), Dennis Weatherman 752 (259), David Lange 748 (278), Jason Utter 735 (267), Kevin Beckman 731 (246), Chuck Ward 726 (245), Reuben Morlock 719 (278), Bill Hendrixson 709 (259). Team: Froberg's Pro Shop 3527 (1248).

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LAKESHORE JR MAJORS — Boys: Kyle Leamer 724 (279), Chris Quardokus 577 (233), Jonah Stoll 566. Girls: Hannah Poziwilko 537 (217).

LAKESHORE BANTAM PREP — Boys: Stuart Clarke 318, Aaron Stoll 277, Ryan Zachary 263. Girls: Maria Springs 303, Maree Clarke 213, Serenity Spears 173.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

MICHIGAN 38, NORTHWESTERN 31, OT

Northwestern	**7**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**0**	**— 31**
Michigan	**7**	**7**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**— 38**

First Quarter
NU—Mark 3 run (Budzien kick), 8:19.
Mich—Gardner 8 run (Gibbons kick), 2:27.
Second Quarter
Mich—Rawls 1 run (Gibbons kick), 6:17.
NU—Dickerson 19 pass from Siemian (Budzien kick), :25.
Third Quarter
NU—Vitale 23 pass from Colter (Budzien kick), 11:00.
NU—FG Budzien 34, 3:57.
Mich—Toussaint 28 pass from Gardner (Gibbons kick), 1:43.
Fourth Quarter
Mich—Funchess 8 pass from Gardner (Gibbons kick), 8:45.
NU—To.Jones 15 pass from Siemian (Budzien kick), 3:59.
Mich—FG Gibbons 26, :02.
Overtime
Mich—Gardner 1 run (Gibbons kick).
A—112,510.

	NU	Mich
First downs	27	21
Rushes-yards	58-248	32-133
Passing	183	286
Comp-Att-Int	14-21-0	16-30-1
Return Yards	52	23
Punts-Avg.	4-41.0	3-51.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-75	2-26
Time of Possession	34:28	25:32

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Northwestern, Mark 23-104, Colter 24-82, Trumpy 4-42, Riley 3-11, Siemian 1-5, Vitale 1-2, Ty.Jones 2-2. Michigan, Toussaint 18-92, Gardner 9-47, Rawls 3-1, Team 1-(minus 1), Hayes 1-(minus 6).

PASSING—Northwestern, Colter 8-14-0-96, Siemian 6-7-0-87. Michigan, Gardner 16-29-1-286, Team 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Northwestern, C.Jones 5-61, Vitale 2-30, To.Jones 2-24, Dickerson 2-20, Fields 1-21, Riley 1-14, Trumpy 1-13. Michigan, Gallon 7-94, Roundtree 5-139, Toussaint 1-28, Dileo 1-13, Funchess 1-8, Smith 1-4.

CENT. MICHIGAN 34, E. MICHIGAN 31

Cent. Michigan	**0**	**10**	**21**	**3**	**—**	**34**
E. Michigan	**14**	**0**	**7**	**10**	**—**	**31**

First Quarter
EMU—Russell 19 pass from Benz (Mulder kick), 14:01.
EMU—Gillett 21 run (Mulder kick), 1:28.
Second Quarter
CMU—Flory 10 pass from Radcliff (Harman kick), 9:00.
CMU—FG Harman 23, :16.
Third Quarter
EMU—Gillett 53 run (Mulder kick), 12:27.
CMU—Tipton 11 run (Harman kick), 8:38.
CMU—Frazier 49 interception return (Harman kick), 6:14.
CMU—Flory 14 pass from Radcliff (Harman kick), 1:32.
Fourth Quarter
EMU—FG Mulder 30, 13:14.
CMU—FG Harman 36, 10:31.
EMU—J.Jones 25 pass from Gillett (Mulder kick), 1:37.
A—4,081.

	CMU	EMU
First downs	18	21
Rushes-yards	28-119	42-294
Passing	284	120
Comp-Att-Int	20-34-0	14-26-2
Return Yards	53	(-2)
Punts-Avg.	4-37.8	3-48.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1

NHL, union talk during lunch

Next round of negotiations to begin soon

By IRA PODELL
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — NHL labor talks took a break Saturday — an old-fashioned lunch break.

Instead of returning to the negotiating table for a fifth straight day, representatives from the NHL and the players' association stayed in touch during the morning and then got together for an informal lunch meeting in the afternoon.

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly and union special counsel Steve Fehr made plans to talk either Saturday night or Sunday morning to set up the next round of negotiations.

Negotiations hit a rough spot Friday and talks were put on hold Saturday — the 56th day of the lockout that has delayed the start of the season and already forced it to be shortened. Talks ended Friday night a few hours into a bargaining session on the core economic differences that separate the sides and threaten the season completely.

Following those discussions, union executive director Donald Fehr held a conference call with the executive board and players on the negotiating committee.

The players' association continued internal discussions Saturday before meeting with the league.

It became clear Friday night that the gap between the sides had grown wider. Whether negotiations took a step backward remains to be seen.

After three consecutive seemingly positive days of talks this week, discussions turned sour Friday. The union was under the impression the numbers floated by each side indicated they were nearer to an agreement with the league, but NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman disagreed.

"Gary made a comment (Thursday) that there is still a lot of work to do. I think, given (Friday's) session, there is still a lot of work to do," Donald Fehr said. "We looked at some of the numbers on the various proposals and we thought we were much closer together on the structure of a deal than the suggestions were. They came back to us and said, 'No, we are very very far apart on the structure of the deal.'"

There were vocal disagreements at the end of the session, and the union is beginning to feel that the NHL isn't ready to make a deal now, even if the players were suddenly willing to accept the league's offer in full — which they are not.

"We talked back and forth a little bit, and at one point the question was asked: 'If the players would agree to everything that's in your financial proposal, what you're saying is you still won't make an agreement unless the players give up everything in all of the player-contracting rights in your proposal? The answer was, 'Yes, because that's what we want,'" Donald Fehr said. "One wonders if that's really the case. How do you get there from here?

"Given where we are, we're going to reconvene internally (Saturday) morning and we'll come to grips with where we are and try to figure out what we'll do next. I don't know what will happen next."

Bettman declined to reveal what was discussed or where the disagreements lie. He also wouldn't characterize the mood of the talks.

"I am not going into the details of what takes place in the room," he said. "I really apologize but I do not think it would be constructive to the process. I don't want to either raise or lower expectations. I won't be happy until we get to the end result and that means we're playing again."

No panic this time for Beljan at Disney

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Doctors told Charlie Beljan he was in good enough health to leave the hospital Saturday morning, but perhaps not to play golf. With his job on the line and his name atop the leaderboard for the first time, Beljan ignored the recommendation and was glad he did.

One day after a panic attack so severe that he struggled to breathe and feared for his life, Beljan managed just fine in the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic. Despite a pair of early bogeys, and one nervous moment when he felt his chest tighten, he had a 1-under 71 that gave him a two-shot lead at Disney.

Suddenly, the 28-year-old rookie has a chance to do more than just keep his card. He's one round away from winning on the PGA Tour.

He stayed overnight in the hospital — with his shoes on for most of the night — and only got about an hour of sleep. This is the final PGA Tour event of the year, and Beljan is at No. 139 on the money list. Only the top 125 keep their cards, and Beljan likely would need to finish around 10th.

Beljan said he started to feel some of the same symptoms from Friday as he approached the turn. He ate a sandwich, tried to calm himself, and back-to-back birdies to start the back nine certainly helped. He closed with six straight pars to reach 13-under 203. That gave him a two-shot lead over Brian Gay (67), Josh Teater (67) and Charlie Wi, who was tied with Beljan until two sloppy bogeys at the end for a 70.

LORENA OCHOA INVITATIONAL

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — Inbee Park moved into position for her third victory of the year, shooting a 6-under 66 to take a two-stroke lead into the final round of the Lorena Ochoa Invitational.

The South Korean player had a 15-under 201 total at Guadalajara Country Club. She won the Evian Masters in France in July and the LPGA Malaysia last month and leads the LPGA Tour money list.

Park also is trying to catch Stacy Lewis in the player of the year points race, but has to win Sunday and next week in the season-ending Titleholders to have any chance to pass Lewis.

Cristie Kerr was second after a 67.

Joe Raymond / AP

Notre Dame guard Eric Atkins drives the lane as Notre Dame forward Jack Cooley (left) watches during the second half as Evensville's Ned Cox, Lewis Jones and Ryan Sawvell defend during Saturday's game.

Cooley, Notre Dame win season opener

SOUTH BEND (AP) — A strong performance by its star and solid defense were the keys for No. 22 Notre Dame against Evansville in Saturday's season opener.

Jack Cooley scored the first nine points of the game and finished with 19, Scott Martin pulled down 17 rebounds and the Fighting Irish beat the Purple Aces 58-49 in the preliminary round of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

Jerian Grant added 11 points for Notre Dame, which limited Evansville to 31 percent shooting (19 of 61).

Cooley got the Irish off to a quick start and it wasn't until he took his first breather 5:34 into the game that another Notre Dame player scored when Eric Atkins hit a jumper. Cooley had 13 points on 4-of-4 shooting in the opening half to help send the Irish into the break with a 28-21 lead.

Tasked with containing the senior preseason All-Big East selection was Evansville's 6-foot-8 sophomore center, Ryan Sawvell, who gave up an inch in height and nearly 50 pounds. Sawvell finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Colt Ryan led Evansville with 15 points.

"That was basically a Big East game, how physical it was in there," said Cooley, who added 11 rebounds and six blocks. "It was a little unexpected because of their size, but they just came out and they played hard."

Evansville hung around throughout the second half but could never put together a run to pull ahead.

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey limited Cooley's minutes somewhat in the second half after the center picked up his third foul on an offensive charge just 1:22 into the period.

Although he wasn't thrilled with Notre Dame's 13 turnovers, Brey said he liked what he saw from his team. He praised Cooley's start and Martin's work on the boards, but credited the entire team's defense with the win.

"That's the only way we won the game tonight — 31 percent shooting by them," Brey said. "I thought Pat Connaughton did a fabulous job making (Evansville leading scorer Colt) Ryan and his teammates work for everything he got. And I thought when we got a little pressure on us, when it got to two possessions, our offensive efficiency was smart. We had to work to win, and I love that the first game of the season."

Evansville coach Marty Simmons called the Irish "very talented and unselfish."

"If you double here they're going to make the extra pass," Simmons said. "They can make perimeter shots. They're very good off the dribble. When you play here they've just got a long tradition. They're a good basketball team."

Simmons said he would have preferred a more up-tempo game.

"We're better at that, when we're throwing the ball ahead and we're attacking. That's just something we're going to have to continue to work on. We've got to get more stops. Foul trouble probably dictated a little bit of that with (senior guard Troy) Taylor being out, because he's kind of the guy that makes us go in transition."

This was the first of two games in South Bend comprising the first round of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic. Notre Dame hosts Monmouth on Monday night, then travels to Brooklyn next weekend for games against St. Joseph's and either Florida State or BYU.

Dodgers bid $25.7M for Korean lefty

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers have bid nearly $26 million for a chance to sign pitcher Ryu Hyun-jin.

The Hanwha Eagles of the Korea Baseball Organization said Saturday they have accepted a posting fee of $25.7 million for the 25-year-old left-hander. Major League Baseball later announced that the team was the Dodgers.

"We are thrilled to have this exciting opportunity," Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti said. "We have watched Ryu pitch for a long time and he is another option to consider as we look to improve our team in 2013 and beyond."

The Chicago Cubs and Texas Rangers were also among the clubs thought to be interested in Ryu.

Los Angeles now has 30 days to negotiate a minor league or major league contract with Ryu and his agent, Scott Boras.

Ryu was 98-52 with a 2.80 career ERA during seven seasons in South Korea. He pitched for his country on teams that won a gold medal at the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

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- HOME WARRANTY! St Joe #B12058708

$399,000 NEW LISTING

- LAKEFRONT! Beautiful Murphy Lake
- 4 bdr, 2.5 bath, 20 ft cathedral ceilings
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- Gardens, escape daily to your private
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$104,900 NEW LISTING

- Improvements too numerous to list..but
- Inc. new furnace, A/C, remodeled kitchen
- Renovated bath, finished bsmt, windows
- Privacy fence and more! Huge back yard
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$262,000 NEW LISTING

- 35 Acres of beautiful land
- Build, farm or both
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$209,900 PRICE REDUCED

- 4 bdr, home near the J. Nicklaus course
- Vaulted ceilings, open fl plan, large deck
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$122,900 PRICE REDUCED

- Wonderful 3 bdr brick ranch
- Finished bsmt-wet bar, rec rm
- 3 seasons room overlooks deck
- Newer hot tub, fenced back yard
- Benton Twp #E12028169

$300,000 PRICE REDUCED

- 1.28 Acre Wooded, Ravine Lot
- Granite, SS Appl, Cherry Cab.
- Fmly Rm,Vltd Ceilings, Stone FP
- 2632 SF, Oak Flooring, 3-Car Gar.
- Lakeshore, MLS#F12054501

$75,000 PRICE REDUCED

- Ranch style home, sits off the road
- Private wooded setting
- Hardwood floors under carpet
- 8 x 26 sunroom, 2 car det garage
- St Joseph MLS#H12038903

$179,900 PRICE REDUCED

- PRICED TO SELL! 3BDR 2 bath
- Brick/vinyl exterior, ramped entrance
- Skylights thru out for natural light
- Lg deck and oversided 2 car att. garage
- Corner lot, New Buffalo MLS# 112039678

$699,900 PRICE REDUCED

- 2 acres plus 100' of Lk MI frontage
- 4 bdr, 4 full baths, 2463 sq ft living
- Open great room, fireplace
- Addtl 2 car garage w/ loft
- Stevensville MLS# L12024194

$179,900 PRICE REDUCED

- Contemporary 3 bdr 2.5 bath home
- Whirlpool tub. Wooded ravine lot
- Full bsmt ,part fin. daylight windows
- Deck, fireplace, wood floors
- St. Joseph MLS#R12049689

$339,900 PRICE REDUCED

- Brunkel built 5 bedroom ranch
- 3500+ SqFt living space, in-ground pool
- Wooded, ravine lot, fp, finished bsmt
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$244,900 PRICE REDUCED

- 4BD, 2.5 Bath w/ 2200SF
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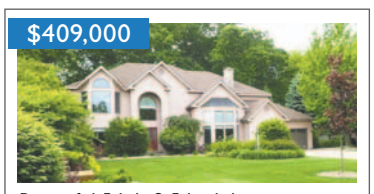


- Beautiful 5 bdr 3.5 bath home
- Ravine setting w/amazing views
- Fireplace, granite, SS appliances
- Finished walkout, UPDATES!!
- St. Joseph MLS#12040978

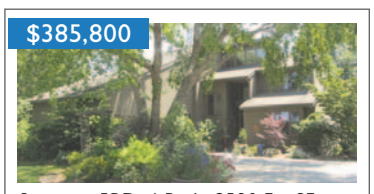
$489,000

- 5 acre farm designed for horses
- 4 bdr, 2.5 ba brick home, St Joe Schools
- 1/2 mile to Concord Rdg Equestrian Ctr
- Fireplace, 2300 Sq Ft living space
- 2 barns, St Joseph #D12042551

$475,000

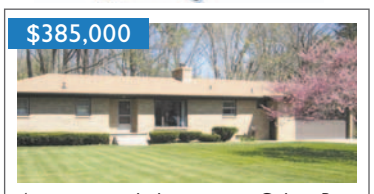
- Just steps to Silver Beach on Lk MI
- HW floors, granite, stainless steel appl.
- Cathedral ceiling, loft, skylights
- Whirlpool tub in mstr, terraced deck
- Downtown St Joseph #L12037542

$385,800



- Stunning 5BD, 4 Bath, 3580 Fin.SF
- Custom Built, 1.2 Acre Wooded Lot
- Newer Gourmet Kitch., HW Floors
- 3 Fireplaces, 2-Story Sunlit Atrium
- Lakeshore Schools #N12043417

$385,000



- 4 acres, wooded, access to Galien River
- Solid, well kept 3 bdr brick ranch
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- Full, dry basement w/ fireplace
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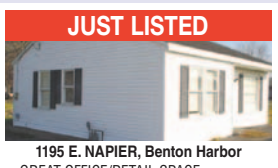

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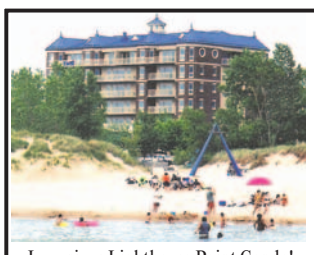

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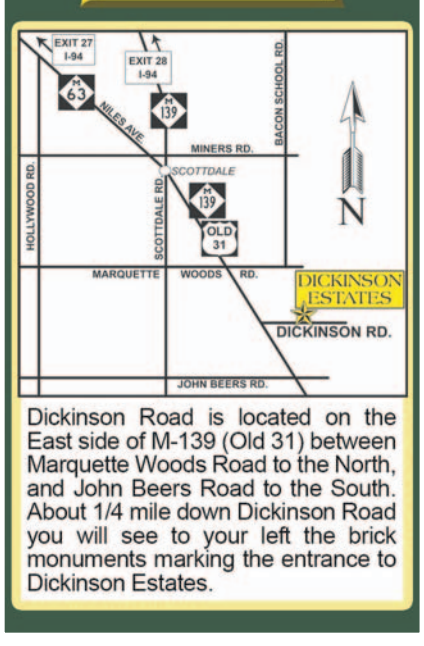
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Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. will be holding a Contractor Orientation Meeting for the Coloma Community Schools Building & Athletic Field Renovation slated to be completed in 2013-2014. This meeting will be held Monday, November 19, 2012 at 3:00 PM in the Coloma Junior High School Media Center.

MOORE, KLASSNER & HESS DRAIN #332, NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT AND REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS. IMPORTANT NOTICE: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND GOVERNMENTAL UNITS WITHIN THE MOORE, KLASSNER & HESS DRAIN #332 DRAINAGE DISTRICT: Property Owners within the Moore, Klassner & Hess Drain #332, Galien and Weesaw Townships at Large and Berrien County at Large and Berrien County Road Commission. NOTICE IS GIVEN, that on December 4, 2012 between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. (local time), in the Otto Grau Room, Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, City of St. Joseph, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, or at any adjourned time and place, a Day of Review of Apportionments will be held to review the apportionment of benefits for the lands within the "MOORE, KLASSNER & HESS DRAIN #332." At said Day of Review, the computation of cost for said Drain will be open for inspection by any parties interested. Any property owner within the Drainage District, County Clerk, Road Commission representative, Township Supervisor, or Village President or officer, wishing to be heard or wishing to inspect the computation of cost with respect to the special assessments may appear during the day and time

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specified. The following is a condensed description of land constituting the Moore, Klassner & Hess Drain #332 Drainage District and municipalities involved: Weesaw Township – T.7S.-R.19W.
In Section 32 – the Southeast ¼, In Section 33 – the South ½, Galien Township – T.8S.-R.19W. In Section 3 – All, In Section 4 – the North ½, In Section 5 – the Northeast ¼. Berrien County, Galien and Weesaw Townships, Village of Galien. At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, the Drain Commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district. The computation of cost of construction of the Drain will also be open for public inspection by any parties interested. The drain assessments against land in the drainage district will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the landowner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges. Please contact the Office of the Berrien County Drain Commissioner with any questions about payments of drain assessments. Any landowner or municipality who wishes to prepay their assessment and avoid interest charges must make payment to the Office of the Berrien County Drain Commissioner by December 28, 2012. Please contact the Office of the Berrien County Drain Commissioner with any questions about payments of drain assessments. You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code, any owner of land within the drainage district or any city, township, district or county, feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within 10 days after the Day of Review of Apportionments by making an application to the Berrien County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review.
INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTORS
A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 a.m. (local time) on November 13, 2012, in the Board of Commissioners Room, Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, City of St. Joseph. Representatives of the Drain Commissioner and Engineer will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are required to attend and participate in the conference. Engineer will transmit to all prospective Bidders of record such Addenda, as Engineer considers necessary in response to questions arising at the conference. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.
Notice is further given, that prior to 11:00 a.m. (local time) on November 27, 2012 in the Board of Commissioners Room, Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, City of St. Joseph, I, ROGER H. ZILKE, Berrien County Drain Commissioner, State of Michigan, will receive sealed bids, and at 11:00 a.m. (local time) the bids will be opened and publicly announced for the construction or maintenance of a certain Drain known and designated as "MOORE, KLASSNER & HESS DRAIN #332," located and established in Galien and Weesaw Townships in the County of Berrien.
In the construction of the Drain, the following quantities for tile or pipe will be necessary and contracts let for same.
Section II – Section beginning at Station 81+42 extending to Station 118+12, a distance of 3,670 feet and having an average depth of 6.5 feet will be constructed as a closed drain of 24-inch drain tile;
Section II – Section beginning at Station 118+12 extending to Station 120+98, a distance of 286 feet and having an average depth of 5.0 feet will be construction as a closed drain of 18-inch drain tile;
Section III – Section beginning at Station 0+05 extending to Station 23+24, a distance of 2,319 feet and having an average depth of 8.8 feet will be construction as a closed drain of 24-inch drain tile;
Section IV – Section beginning at Station 0+00 extending to Station 6+70, a distance of 670 feet and having an average depth of 7.4 feet will be construction as a closed drain of 15-inch drain tile;

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FOLLOWING QUANTITIES ARE APPROXIMATE AND THAT FINAL PAYMENT WILL BE MADE ON MEASURED QUANTITIES.

Estimated Quantity
Unit
Description
DRAIN CONSTRUCTION
2,300
LF
Section I – Clearing Sta. 0+00 to Sta. 23+00
1
EA
Section I – Crossing No. 1 Sta. 19+42 – Private, Cleanout Existing Culvert
1
EA
Section I – Crossing No. 2 Sta. 23+33 – Pardee Rd., Cleanout Existing Culvert
3,583
LF
Section II - Furnish and Install 24" SLCPP Storm Drain AASHTO M-294
70
LF
Section II – Furnish and Install 24" RCP Storm Drain ASTM C-76 CL IV
286
LF
Section II - Furnish and Install 18" SLCPP Perforated Storm Drain AASHTO M-294
2
EA
Section II - Furnish and Install 60" Dia. Drainage Structure (incl. casting)
3
EA
Section II - Furnish and Install 48" Dia. Drainage Structure (incl. casting)
5
EA
Section II - Furnish and Install 48" Dia. Drainage Structure (incl. casting) Buried and Marked
1
EA
Section II - Crossing No. 3, Sta. 89+39 Holden Road, Remove and dispose of existing 84 lf - 15" CMP
68
LF
Furnish & Install 15" CMP
2,289
LF
Section III - Furnish and Install 24" SLCPP Storm Drain AASHTO M-294
30
LF
Section III – Furnish and Install 24" RCP Storm Drain ASTM C-76 CL IV
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EA
Section III - Furnish and Install 60" Dia. Drainage Structure (incl. casting)
3
EA
Section III - Furnish and Install 48" Dia. Drainage Structure (incl. casting) Buried and Marked
1
EA
Section III – Connect Existing Higgenbottom Field Inlet
8
SY
Section III – MDOT Plain Rip Rap
655
LF
Section IV - Furnish and Install 15" SLCPP Perforated Storm Drain AASHTO M-294
2
EA
Section IV - Furnish and Install 48" Dia. Drainage Structure (incl. casting)
40
SY
Remove and Replace Gravel Drive - Lagoons
80
SY
Remove and Replace Gravel Road – Holden Road
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Cleanup and Restoration
1
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The bidding documents required for review or bidding purposes may be obtained from Roger H. Zilke, the Berrien County Drain Commissioner, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan, or the offices of LSG Engineers & Surveyors, 3135 Pine Tree Road, Suite D, Lansing, MI 48911 beginning November 9, 2012 and are available for a $50.00 fee.
Payment for the above mentioned work will be made by monthly progress payments on the third Thursday of each month. Any person(s) desiring to bid on the above mentioned work will be required to deposit with the Drain Commissioner a bid bond, certified check, money order or cash in the amount of 5% (five percent) of the bid as a guarantee that he will enter into the contract and furnish the required performance bond and proof of insurance as prescribed by law. The checks of all unsuccessful bidders will be returned after contracts are awarded.
A contract will be entered into with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work in the sum as specified in the bidding documents, I, Roger H. Zilke, the Berrien County Drain Commissioner, reserve the right to reject any and all bids deemed not in the best interest of the MOORE, KLASSNER & HESS DRAIN #332 or the County of Berrien and to adjourn such bid letting to such time and place as I shall publicly announce. The date for completion of such contract will be announced at the time and place of

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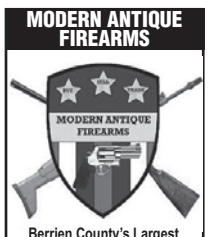

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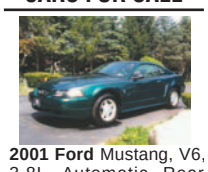

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Several endeavors to which you've given considerable time yet have never received the type of returns that you hoped for could finally begin to pay off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – You might begin undergoing some major transformations regarding your fondest hopes and expectations. At the head of the list will be establishing a better set of values.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Chances are you'll be far more effective over the next few weeks if you can operate independently. Only if a partnership arrangement guarantees certain advantages should one be made.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – If you've wanted to make a trip of some distance and duration, this is a good day to start getting your act together. You're in an excellent cycle for traveling to faraway places.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Plans to which you have already given considerable thought should not be changed at the last minute. If your concepts are good, everything will work out to your satisfaction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – In a partnership arrangement, greater control and influence might be given to your counterpart. In order to keep the peace, don't make any waves.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – If you make it your greatest priority, the possibility of achieving an important objective is excellent. Give it your undivided attention, and it will pay off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – There are strong indications that you are likely to meet someone new who will end up having a strong and wonderful influence on your social life. If not today, then soon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Make those necessary alterations to a financial development that hasn't lived up to expectations. Chances are, the adjustments you'll make will turn out to be perfect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – A new cycle you recently entered could turn out to be not only exciting but also extremely fortunate in terms of new friends and social contacts. Be sure to get out and mingle a lot.

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6 Quaint shoppe word
10 Former Facebook marketing director Zuckerberg
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19 Forum attire
20 Cork objections
21 Add baubles and bangles to
22 West Point mascot
23 Beyond the burbs
24 Bric-a-__
25 "That's it for me"
26 Object of devotion
27 "Just ignore landslide warnings"
31 Forty-niners' score
32 "__ Boot": 1981 film
33 Covenants
34 Together
36 Triathlete, at times
39 Lisbon's Vasco da __ Bridge
40 Ga. summer hours
41 Big time
42 "Approaching Alaskan landmark"
47 French actor Delon
50 Have regrets about
51 Drop-line link
52 Store that welcomes dogs
53 Posies
56 Horrifies
59 "__ Always a Woman": Billy Joel song
60 "Sorry, you can't avoid strip mall traffic"
63 Work in a play
65 Fed. arson-investigating org.
66 Homer, for one
67 Change
68 GP's gp.
69 Bhutto's overthrower
72 PC port
73 "Road under construction ... still"
76 Sugar unit
79 Ab __: from the beginning
81 Carousing
82 Former Piston Thomas
84 Green prefix
85 Mr. Nahasapeemapetilon of "The Simpsons"
87 Machu Picchu dwellers
88 "Napping mandatory for sleepy drivers"
94 Co. once led by Baryshnikov
95 Gallivant
96 Play around (with)
97 Important person to believe in
101 Wooded
103 Joe for DiMaggio?
105 One 81-Across, perhaps
106 Real estate giant Webb
107 "Animals jaywalking, use caution"
112 Swinging entrance
113 Poker Flat creator
114 Carpe __
115 "Family Ties" mother
116 Lying over
117 Turn inside out
118 Old Icelandic literary work
119 Pitch fork?
120 Buzzers
121 Second tries
122 Insect repellent compound
123 Excites

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1 '60s sitcom set at Fort Courage
2 Right Bank attraction
3 "It's a deal"
4 Carson followed him
5 Follow the bears
6 Ready to ship out
7 Spirited adventures
8 Unwilling to listen
9 Spirited adventure
10 Transport on tracks
11 Fess up
12 High times?
13 It may be generic
14 Trespass
15 Parma pals
16 SpongeBob SquarePants feature
17 It might be decided by a nose
18 Kerry or Snowe: Abbr.
28 Old music halls
29 Follower of Mary
30 Ready for use
35 Carpentry grooves
37 "Ta ta," to Tati
38 Derby margins
39 Bearded beast
40 Étienne's equal
43 Formerly, in former times
44 Contaminated
45 Letter opener?
46 Command, to the bard
47 Oscar winner Paquin
48 Plunder
49 Starting from
54 Cover of a kind
55 Thus far
56 When an afternoon meeting might start
57 Hardy work
58 Margaret Mead's milieu
61 Old West gang family name
62 Weena's people, in a Wells novel
64 Cavalry rifle
68 Grain bristle
69 .975 cents?
70 Teri's "Young Frankenstein" role
71 Mellows, maybe
72 "Remember to look __ the stars and not down at your feet": Hawking
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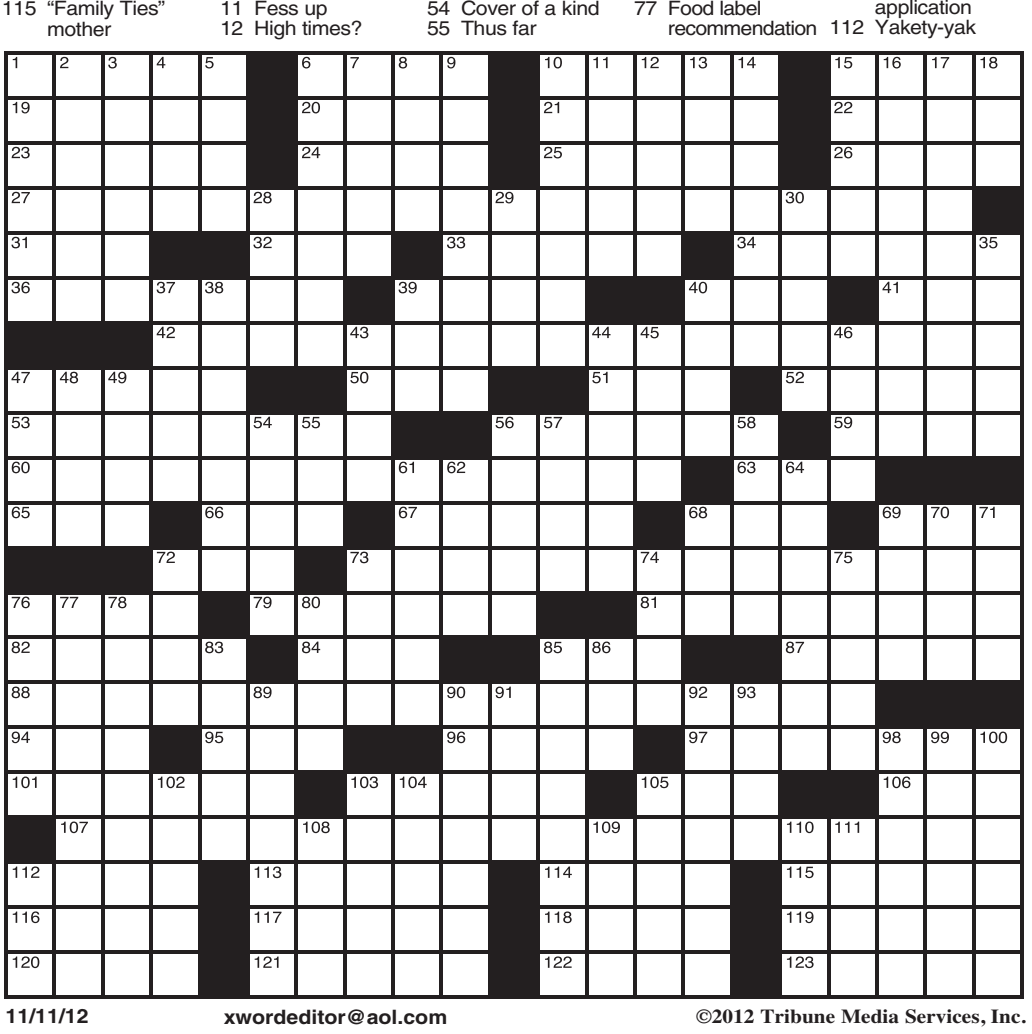

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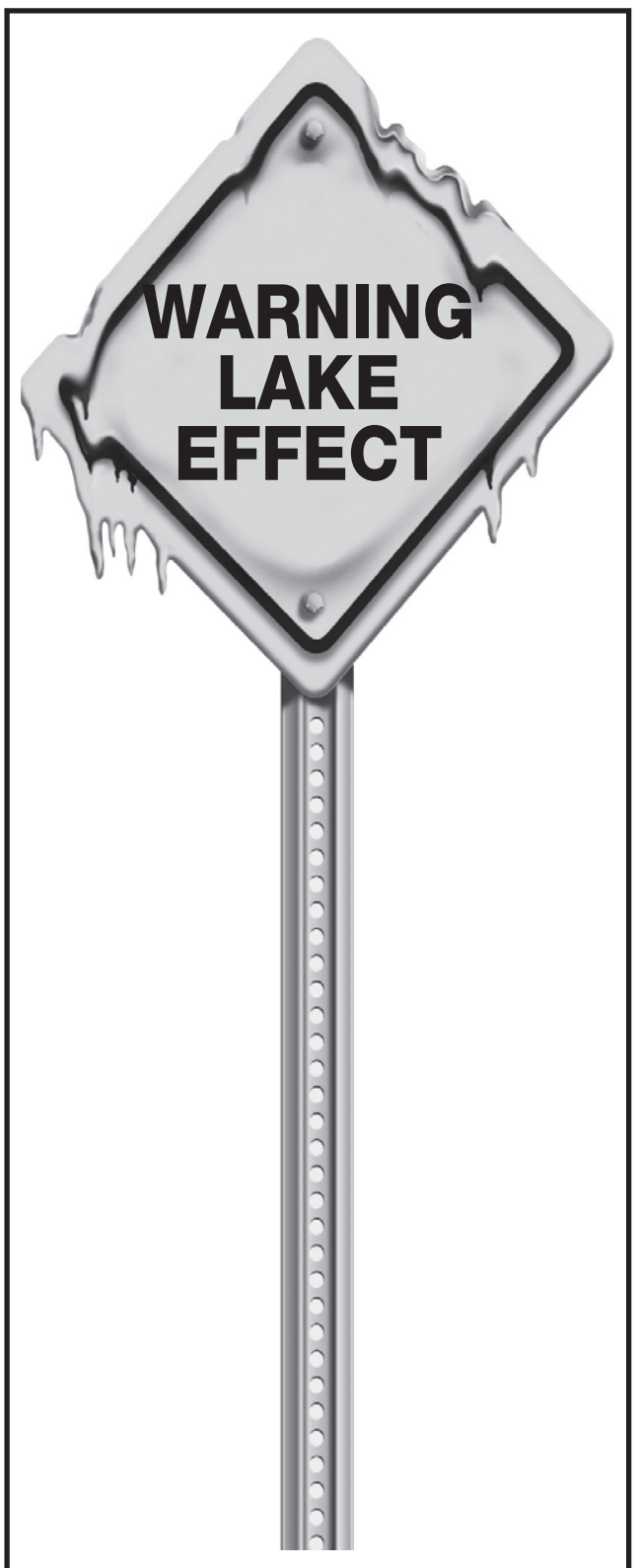

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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE

When wife ain't happy, ain't nobody happy

Dear Tom and Ray: I have a 2000 Mercury Mountaineer with 178,000 miles. I have a wife who also has many miles on her.

I love my car, even with all its dents and its worn interior. It runs great and gets 16 mpg. My wife hates it.

Ray & Tom Magliozzi

Click & Clack

She says that it drives like a truck (it is a truck) and that she is embarrassed to be seen in it. I have customized it to be towed behind our RV. It is great for hauling stuff, which I seem to do on a regular basis. It was paid for many years ago.

Why should I buy a new car when the current one works perfectly fine? She says that it will break down any day and then I will be forced to buy a new car.

How do I handle this marital/auto problem? – Howard

Tom: Gee, Howard. I would have thought your wife would see your devotion to this old, ugly heap as a source of great comfort.

Ray: Right. Now she knows she's not married to the kind of shallow guy who would dump an old car – or an old wife – just because it's seen better days.

And is in need of some body work. But I guess she's not choosing to see it that way.

Tom: I sympathize with you, Howard. You've got a perfectly good car that serves your needs.

Why add a car payment to your life when you don't have to?

Ray: On the other hand, your wife hates this car and is embarrassed to be seen in it. And when she's not happy, nobody's happy, right?

Tom: So here's my suggestion.

First, have the car thoroughly inspected by a good mechanic, and find out what kind of shape it's really in.

If the compression is low and it's burning oil, and the transmission fluid is black, then you'll know its days are numbered.

You can be gracious and tell your wife that if it makes her happy, you'll start planning for a new car.

Ray: But if the Mountaineer is in good shape overall, then consider an inexpensive paint job and some interior detailing.

Tom: It may just be that if the truck were one color again and the inside stopped smelling like manure, she might be more inclined to put up with this truck for another couple of years. Ask her.

Ray: But in either case, you'd be wise to start a new-car savings fund right away.

With 178,000 miles on it, it might not be ready for the boneyard yet, but it's circling for a landing.

In their pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Tom and Ray break down the strategies for buying a car, so you can make the most of your money. Send $4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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GM gives Dar a royal welcome

There is nothing like a visit from Santa to lift one's spirits – and, boy, did I have a Christmas morning experience Nov. 1.

My "little boy" eyes opened wide and they stayed that way for two hours when at 10:10 a.m. I arrived at the expansive GM Assembly Plant in Orion Township, Michigan – just off I-75 in Lake Orion, north of Detroit – and began an experience of a lifetime.

Dar Davis

Readers following this column know that back in September I finally ordered a new car to replace my now-sold Neon. The process for me to decide which car to buy was a long and arduous journey. Buying a new car is a pretty big deal for most of us but especially for someone like me who loves cars and buys them infrequently.

When it became known that I had settled on the American-made Buick Verano, I was given a tip from friend Steve Purdy of Williamsburg, Mich., a fellow auto journalist (he's the Detroit Editor of TheAutoChannel.com website) and a charter member of the local Concours car show, that I should get in touch with his nephew Matt.

As it turned out, Matt holds the title of Vehicle Performance Manager: Small, Compact and Mini Cars at General Motors, and he helped oversee Verano development.

I did contact him, and often.

The really kind man had to put up with me over a number of months as I emailed innumerable times to check on things. I wanted to know what new colors would be added if I waited until the 2013 model year to order my Buick. Would the 2013 model have a backup camera?

A most important question was whether it would be possible for me to be at the plant when my new car was being assembled. It has always been a dream of mine. He wasn't sure but he promised to check.

Soon I heard from Phil Colley at Buick Communications, and then I heard from Plant Communications Manager Kevin Nadrowski.

It wasn't long before Kevin sent me a schedule. The Verano build date would be just before or on Thursday, Nov. 1, and I was to arrive at 10:10 a.m. on that date for a tour.

I've mentioned before that my son-in-law Tom Burch is a GM employee with an office in the corporate headquarters at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. He, naturally, asked if he could accompany me on my visit.

After arriving at the Orion Assembly Plant, Tom and I were shown a short safety video in the plant's lobby. Soon after we were joined by Nadrowski and Purdy. Next we were introduced to Tony Hufford, the UAW Local 5960 communications coordinator, and were given the required safety gear.

It was a good I had Tom along. We walked along the floor of the 4 million-square-foot factory, and I had become completely mesmerized by the whirl of machine and man building an automobile. I had forgotten I had brought my camera and wanted lots of photos. Tom took charge and took 74 photos.

Photos by Tom Burch

GM officials Matt Purdy (left) and Carter Sperry pose with Dar and his new Buick Verano outside the Orion Assembly plant after a quick drive on a nearby public road. Dar took the wheel and was impressed with the Buick's quiet cabin and perky performance. After the photo shoot, the Verano was loaded on a carrier for a trip to LeValley Chevrolet and Buick in Benton Harbor.

Dar watches as Buick Veranos and Chevy Sonics move slowly down the Orion Assembly Plant in Orion Township located just north of Detroit near Pontiac. Dar accepted GM official's invite to visit the plant, participate in a tour and get acquainted with his just-built new Buick Verano. Topping off the two-hour visit was the highlight of driving his car briefly on public roads near the plant.

With Kevin as our guide and Matt as an escort, Tom and I were given a thorough plant tour. We were impressed with how efficiently the plant was laid out and how clean it was. Kevin pointed out the many changes at the plant, which improved working conditions and added equipment that upgraded the quality of each car assembled.

As we concluded our walking tour, Kevin arranged for me to meet Plant Manager Steve Brock and Quality Operations Manager Carter Sperry. They took time and explained all that GM and the Orion management and labor team is doing to build the best automobiles in the world.

Carter, responsible for every vehicle that comes off the production line, patiently explained to me that GM and Orion have established clearly identifiable standards to meet so that dependable cars are built consistently. And it's his job that those standards are followed. I was very, very impressed and have complete confidence that my Verano will be a car to be proud of.

Orion opened in 1983 and has 1,824 hourly and salaried workers. Over its lifetime it has luxury cars like Cadillac and Olds 98 sedans and mid-size models like Malibu and Pontiac G6. Workers at Orion have built 4.6 million GM vehicles.

Workers and management are proud of the safety record: 10 million man-hours without a lost workday. The plant was the first GM facility to receive the Clean Corporate Citizen designation by the state.

Following a massive, $545 million retooling in 2010, the plant now produces the Chevrolet Sonic sub-compact hatch and sedan and the compact Buick Verano. Using a combination of up-to-the-moment modern robotic equipment and the deft hand of highly trained workers, Orion assembles 825 vehicles a day, one third being Veranos.

The plant's annual capacity is 160,000 units with workers putting in four, 10-hour shifts weekly. The plant will go to a more traditional five day/eight-hour schedule.

Then ... there it sat in a well-lighted space. My new Buick beckoned. The GM team gave me plenty of time to examine and admire my new car.

I was introduced to Gary Jager, the team member who had just completed giving my car a thorough Global Customer Audit, including a dynamic 15-mile road test, an eight-minute soaking-in-the-water test and a three-hour top-to-bottom examination.

The final surprise? Carter invited me to take my car for a drive.

A quick spin on public roads in my new car was the final highlight of my visit. I was very aware that this courtesy was a rare gift, and I enjoyed every moment of it.

I was incredibly impressed with the GM team. I'd need pages of space to write all that I want to share about my experience as a guest of these professional and committed GM employees.

We hear so much negative stuff about how poorly our domestic auto industry has done. What we don't hear is news about how well the industry is doing today.

Gone are the days when management and unions were at loggerheads. Today is a new era in union/management cooperation, and the positive results of this development are American-built automobiles that are equal in style and quality to any built in the world.

The men and women who design and build cars for the Domestic Three automakers have a crystal clear vision of what needs to be done to succeed. I've never been prouder of the accomplishments of our American workers, designers and engineers and know that my new Verano is well built and will provide me with years of dependable and satisfactory service.

I can't wait for it to arrive in my hometown for delivery.

Dar Davis is founder and entrant liaison of the annual Concours d'Elegance of Southwest Michigan – St. Joseph car show held each August. He can be reached at drd43@sbcglobal.net.

BEHIND THE WHEEL

Ford has prettiest, affordable hybrid car

By ANN M. JOB
For The Associated Press

Who says that fuel-thrifty gasoline-electric hybrid cars have to be snub-nosed, rounded and ho-hum to look at?

Not designers at Ford Motor Co., whose 2013 Ford Fusion Hybrid is arguably the prettiest hybrid car in the U.S. market.

Most people won't recognize this new, curvaceous model as a relative of last year's Ford Fusion. Some sports car enthusiasts thought the test 2013 Fusion Hybrid had styling cues from an Aston Martin luxury sedan.

Better yet, the extensively-revised-for-2013 Fusion Hybrid is quiet inside and larger than its predecessor, has European handling and is rated at 47 miles per gallon in combined city/highway driving by the federal government.

This rating makes the five-seat, 2013 Fusion Hybrid second only to the long-running, mid-size, five-seat Toyota Prius hatchback in fuel efficiency in the U.S. market.

The 2012 Prius is rated at a combined 50 mpg by the U.S. government. No 2013 Prius rating is posted yet.

Just as notable is the 2013 Fusion Hybrid's starting retail price of $27,995. This includes the latest technology lithium-ion battery that stores electricity that's generated while the car travels.

The price for the new car is $1,575 less than the starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of $29,570 for last year's Fusion Hybrid with last year's styling and older, nickel-metal hydride battery.

And, not to be missed, Ford offers a slew of standard and optional safety equipment on the new Fusion Hybrid.

There are eight standard air bags, including two knee air bags for the two front-seat passengers to keep them from "submarining" from their seats during a frontal crash.

Optional safety items include a new warning system to alert a driver that an impending frontal collision is possible and attention needs to be directed to a vehicle ahead.

Say a truck just ahead slows, but the Fusion Hybrid driver's foot remains on the gas pedal without change of pressure. The warning system flashes bright red lights onto the driver-side windshield and makes an audible warning sound.

2013 Ford Fusion Hybrid

BASE PRICE: $27,200.

PRICE AS TESTED: $33,855.

TYPE: Front engine, front-wheel-drive, five-passenger, mid-size, gasoline-electric hybrid sedan.

ENGINE: 2-liter, double overhead cam, inline, Atkinson cycle, four cylinder with i-VCT mated to an 88-kilowatt, A/C electric motor and lithium-ion battery.

MILEAGE: 47 mpg (city), 47 mpg (highway).

TOP SPEED: NA.

LENGTH: 191.8 inches.

WHEELBASE: 112.2 inches.

CURB WEIGHT: 3,615 pounds.

BUILT AT: Hermosillo, Mexico.

OPTIONS: Luxury package (includes leather-trimmed seats, 10-way, power adjustable, front seats, electrochromatic exterior mirrors, leather-wrapped gear shifter) $2,000; driver assist package (includes lane departure warning, lane keep assist, rain-sensing wipers, automatic high beams) $1,895; adaptive cruise control with collision warning $995; navigation system $795; 8-inch, premium wheels $495 premium floor mats $175.

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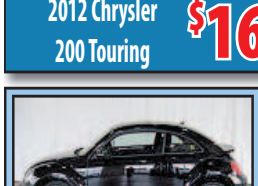
Full power, alloy wheels, low miles
2011 Chevy Impala LT $14,977

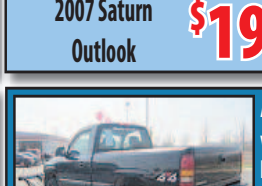
Leather, alloy wheels, loaded, FREE warranty
2007 Saturn Outlook $19,997

Leather, moon roof, loaded, very clean
2004 Infinity G35 X AWD $12,977


Only 7000 miles, leather, moon-roof, 2.0 Turbo
2012 VW New Beetle $23,977

Automatic, sedan, full power,
2007 Honda Civic EX $12,977

Leather, third row seating, low miles, chrome wheels
2000 Ford Excursion Limited $8,977


Auto, power windows and locks, Sno-Way plow
2000 GMC Sierra Reg Cab 1500 4x4 $7,977

Premiere, leather, power roof, loaded
2004 Mercury Mountaineer AWD $5,977

Loaded, like new, one owner
2005 Ford F-250 Crew Cab Lariat Long box 4x4 $27,977

V6, like new, save now
2006 Dodge Dakota Crew Cab 4x4 SLT $16,977

Power sunroof, loaded, new tires, very clean
2007 Hummer H3 4x4 $21,977

V6, Redline package, leather, loaded, save!
2008 Saturn Vue $16,977

Power windows lock loaded, save now
2007 GMC Envoy SLT $3,995

Leather, loaded
2008 Dodge Ram Meg Cab Laramie 4x4 1500 $25,977

Like new, alloy wheels, free warranty, nice truck
2008 Chevy Silverado Ext Cab Z71 1500 4x4 $22,977

Full power 24,000 miles, like new
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Blizzard Plow, chrome wheels, LS, loaded
2001 GMC Sierra, Ext Cab 2500 4x4 $12,977

30,000 miles, loaded, 10 yr/100k warranty
2011 Kia Sorento LX $17,977

One owner, loaded, alloy wheels, like new
2009 Dodge Journey SXT $17,977

Very clean, rear buckets
2000 Ford Windstar Wagon SE $2,977

Leather, power top, alloy wheels, low miles
2006 Chrysler Sebring Convertible $9,577

Leather, navigation, low miles, save now
2007 Chrysler Pacifica Limited $16,977

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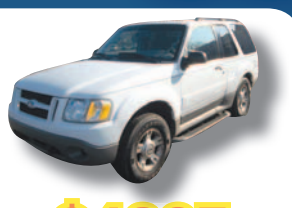

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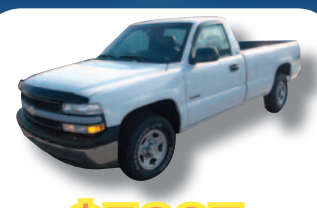
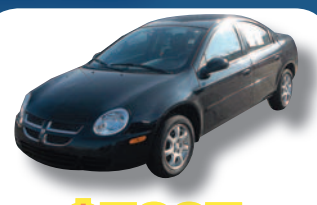
2003 Ford Explorer Sport
4x4, V6, Fresh trade in, Serviced & ready to go!



$5995
2000 Chevy Silverado
Reg Cab, Long bed, 4x4, Tow Pkg, Ready to work for you



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2005 Dodge Neon SXT
Auto, AC, CD/XM, Radio - low miles! Won't Last Long!

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2008 Chevy Avalanche
Z-71 pkg, DVD, Nav.,Off Road Certified, Leather, Moon Roof, LOADED!

$2995
1999 GMC Yukon Denali
Pkg, All wheel drive, V8, Leather, Tow Pkg

$15993
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42MPG, power windows & roof, balance of 100K warranty

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2011 Chevy HHR LT
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AWD, Fresh-One Owner Trade in. SLE-Z Pkg. Save BIG over new!

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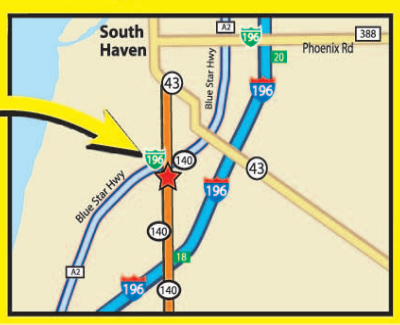

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2007 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT 4X4

Khaki, 3.7L V6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, moonroof, alum wheels, power windows/locks/mirrors, keyless entry, 78,500 miles. C2-350A

WAS $12,950
NOW $12,500

2010 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

Cinnamon Metallic, 3.5EFI V6, automatic, 4 wheel disc ABS, aluminum wheels, cloth seating, power seat/windows/locks/mirrors, luggage rack, rear A/C and heat, cruise, tilt, delay wipers, fog lights, rear defroster/wiper/washer, AM-FM/CD player, keyless entry, Ford Certified! F3-123A

WAS $26,995
NOW 25,800

2007 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW KING RANCH

Dk. Copper, leather, 5.4L V-8, 4x4, moonroof, 6-Disc CD, heated memory seats, aluminum wheels, 52,500 miles, Car Smart Vertified F2-150A

WAS $26,350
NOW 25,500

2009 FORD ESCAPE FWD

Black, 3.0V6, auto, aluminum wheels, luggage rack, leather heated seats, power seat/windows/locks/mirrors, auto temp air and heat, cruise, tilt, rear defroster/washer/wiper, fog lights, AM/FM/CD/SYNC, Ford Certified! F3-161A

WAS $19,995
NOW 19,500

2008 JEEP WRANGLER X

Red, 3.8EFI V6, automatic, four wheel drive, 4 wheel disc ABS, running boards, aluminum wheels, fill size spare, air, cruise, tilt, rear washer/wiper/defroster, cloth seating, AM/FM/CD player, Chrysler Certified! U2-222A

WAS $20,995
NOW $20,750

2006 FORD MUSTANG GT CONVERTIBLE

Red, 4.6L V8, manual, leather, power windows/locks/mirrors, keyless entry, alum wheels, CD player, 30,500 miles. Car Smart Certified F2-322C

WAS $17,675
NOW $17,250

2008 MERCEDES BENZ C300

Gold Metallic, 3.0V6, auto, RWD, 4 wheel disc ABS, aluminum wheels, leather, auto temp air and heat, cruise, tilt, rear defroster, fog lights, keyless entry, power moon roof/seats/windows/locks/mirrors, AM/FM/CD player, Car Smart Certified! C2-394A

WAS $24,995
NOW $24,500

2011 FORD EDGE SEL

Blue, 3.5V6, auto (6 speed), 4 wheel disc ABS, polycast wheels, leather heated seats, power seats/windows/locks/mirrors, fog lights, rear defroster/washer/wiper, auto temp air and heat, cruise, tilt, delay wipers, am-fm/CD(w/graphic equalizer/SYNC/My Touch, Ford Certified! U2-272

WAS $27,995
NOW $27,350

2010 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED

Black, 3.8L V-6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, power windows, locks, CD player, Keyless entry, 30,525 miles F3-137A

WAS $28,995
NOW 28,325

2009 GMC YUKON SLE 4X4

Black, leather, 5.3L V-8, auto, air, tilt, cruise, power windows, locks, mirrors, keyless entry, power seats, 50,000 miles C2-392A

WAS $29,995
NOW $28,694

2009 CHEVROLET TAHOE LT 4X4

Burgundy. 5.3V8, auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, alum wheels, luggage rack, leather heated seats, running boards, rear step bumper, power seats (with memory)/windows/locks/mirrors, front and rear ac/heat, rear defrost/washer/wiper, fog lights, keyless entry, am-fm/CD, balance of factory warranty. F2-566A

WAS $29,500
NOW 28,750

2010 CHEVROLET CAMARO SS

Black, leather, 6.2L V-8, 6 speed manual, air, tilt, cruise, keyless entry, aluminum wheels, power seat, CD player, power windows, 2,563 miles C3-019A

WAS $29,995
NOW $28,618

2010 DODGE CHARGER SXT

Silver. 3.5V6, auto, 4 wheel ABS, rear spoiler, alum wheels, coth seating, power seat/window/locks/mirrors, fog lights, air, cruise, tilt, rear defrost, keyless entry, am-fm/CD player, Chrysler Certified. C2-322A

WAS $18,850
NOW 17,980

2008 CHEVY MALIBU LT

Lt. Blue, 2.4L 4 cylinder, auto, air, tilt, cruise, power seat, moonroof, power windows/locks, keyless entry, CD player, 65,923 miles, F3-103A

WAS $14,500
NOW 13,362

2012 KIA SORENTO

Silver, 2.4DOCH 4 cyl., auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, aluminum wheels, cloth seating, power windows/locks/mirrors, keyless entry, rear washer/wiper/defroster, AM/FM/CD player, Balance of factory warranty C2-344A

WAS $23,995
NOW $22,555

2007 SATURN SKY CONVERTIBLE

Yellow. 2.4EFT 4 cyl, auto, 4 wheels disc ABS, air, cruise, tilt, rear defrost, keyless entry, power windows/locks/mirrors, am-fm/CD player, Car Smart Certified. C2-328A

WAS $20,995
NOW $19,995

2010 CHEVROLET MALIBU LT

Blue, 2.4L 4 cylinder, auto, power windows, locks, mirrors, tilt, cruise, CD player, remote start, keyless Entry 37,425 miles U2-247

WAS $16,995
NOW $16,300

2008 DODGE AVENGER SE

Blue, 2.4L 4 Cylinder, auto,air, tilt, cruise, power windows/locks/mirrors, CD player, keyless entry, 59,800 miles U2-263

WAS $13,995
NOW $13,500

2008 GMC SIERRA SLE 1500 4X4 CREW CAB

Blue, 5.3V8, auto, air, cruise, tilt, rear defroster, cloth seating, power seats/windows/locks/mirrors, fog lights, remote start, AM/FM/CD player, Car Smart! U2-228

WAS $26,995
NOW $25,995

2007 CHEVROLET IMPALA LT

Red, 3.5L V-6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, remote start, aluminum wheels, power seat, power windows/locks, 78,000 miles. C2-238C

WAS $11,995
WAS $10,995

2010 FORD TAURUS SEL

Silver, leather, 3.5L V-6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, power windows/locks/mirrors, power heated seats, remote start, 39,000 miles Ford Certified U2-258

WAS $21,995
NOW $20,832

2011 LINCOLN MKZ

3.5L V6 automatic, full power, AM/FM/CD stereo, heated leather seats, remote start, navigation, moonroof, Balance of Factory Warranty U2-268

WAS $26,995
NOW $25,845

2009 SATURN AURA XR

Silver. 3.6EFI V6, auto, front wheel drive, 4 wheel disc ABS, alum wheels, leather, power seats/window/locks/mirrors, delay wipers, auto temp air/heat, cruise tilt, rear defrost, fog lights, am-fm/CD, remote start, balance of factory warranty, keyless entry: U2-242

WAS $16,995
NOW $15,895

2009 FORD FOCUS SEL

Black, 2.0L 4 cyl automatic, pwer windows & locks, cruise, tilt, air, AM/FM/CD Stereo with SYNC, heated seats, F3-070A

WAS $13,995
NOW $12,995

2011 CHEVY CAMARO

Red, 3.6V6, auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, Styled wheels, cloth, air, cruise, tilt, rear defroster, power windows/locks/mirrors, keyless entry, AM/FM/CD, Balance of Factory Warranty C2-296A

WAS $21,950
NOW $20,850

2012 HONDA ACCORD

2.4L 4 cyl. automatic, power windows/locks, cruise, tilt, air, AM/FM/CD Stereo, Balance of Factory Warranty U2-235A

WAS $20,995
NOW $19,807

2012 FORD FOCUS SEL HATCHBACK

2.0L 4 cyl., automatic, 34+ MPG, full power, AM/FM/CD Stereo, SYNC, power moonroof, heated seats, Ford Certified U2-254A

WAS $21,500
NOW $20,995

2010 FORD FUSION SEL

Sterling Gray Metallic. 2.5 EFI 4 cyl, auto, auto temp air/heat, cruise, tilt, rear defrost, fog lights, alum wheels, leather heated seats, power moon roof/seats/windows/locks/mirrors, am-fm/CD, SYNC, keyless entry, Ford Certified. F2-543A

WAS $19,995
NOW $19,374

2005 CHRYSLER 300C

Jade. 5.7L V-8, auto, air, tilt, cruise, leather, 6-disc CD, heated seats, alum wheels, power memory seats, keyless entry, 71,700 miles U2-211A

WAS $14,995
NOW $14,200

2010 FORD EXPEDITION LIMITED 4X4

Black. 5.4 V8, auto, auto temp air/heat, leather heated/ac seats, 4 wheel disc ABS, running boards, alum wheels, luggage rack, power moon roof/seats/windows/locks/mirrors, front and rear air/heat, am-fm/CD/rearDVD, Navigation, balance of factory warranty. F2-638A

WAS $36,995
NOW $35,679

2009 VOLKSWAGON TIGUAN

Graphite, 2.0L 4 cylinder, auto, air, tile, cruise, CD player, keyless entry, aluminum wheels, power windows/locks/mirrors, 20,700 miles C3-022A

WAS $19,995
NOW $19,361

2009 CHEVROLET MALIBU LS

Gold, 2.4L 4 cyl., auto, air, cruise, tilt, spoked wheel covers, power seats/windows/locks/mirrors, rear def., AM/FM/CD, keyless entry, Balance of Factory Warranty. U2-232

WAS $14,995
NOW $13,995

2007 FORD MUSTANG GT (BRENSPEED)

Grey, 4.6L V8, automatic, power windows/locks, cruise, tilt, air, only 33,400 miles, Must See!, Car Smart Certified U2-144A

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NOW $19,931

2008 CHEVROLET EQUINOX SPORT

Dk Red metallic, 3.6EFIV6, automatic, front wheel drive, 4 wheel disc ABS, rear step bumper, aluminum wheels, air, cruise, tilt, rear defroster/washer/wiper, leather heated seats, fog lights, power seats/moon roof/windows/locks/mirrors, am-fm/CD, premium speaker, keyless entry, Car Smart Certified! C3-081A

NOW $15,995

2009 HYUNDAI SONATA GLS

Blue, 2.4 EFI 4 cyl, automatic, 4 wheel disc ABS, cloth seating, air, cruise, tilt, rear drefroster, pwer windows/locks/mirrors, delay wipers, keyless entry, AM/FM/CD player, Car Smart Certified! U2-260A

NOW $11,995

2011 JEEP PATRIOT

2.0 4 cyl., automatic, aluminum wheels, cruise, tilt, air conditioning, power windows/locks, heated seats, AM/FM/CD Stereo, Balance of Factory Warranty, C2-340A

WAS $17,881
NOW $17,451

2012 HONDA ACCORD LX

Graphite metallic, 2.4 EFI 4 cylinder, 5 speed manual transmission, 4 wheel disc ABS, styled wheel covers, cloth seating, power windows/locks/mirrors, keyless entry, AM/FM/CD player, Balance of factory warranty, U2-199A

WAS $19,995
NOW $18,995

2009 BMW X3 AWD

Black, leather, 3.0L V-6, moonroof, aluminum wheels, power memory seats, CD players, keyless entry, power windows, power locks, 49,000 miles F2-649A

WAS $28,995
NOW $27,651

2009 LINCOLN MKZ

Blue, 3.5L V6, automatic, full power, heated leather seats, cruise, tilt, air conditioning, AM/FM/6 disc CD Stereo, Balance of Factory Warranty, U2-234

WAS $19,995
NOW $18,729

2010 HYUNDAI ELANTRA

White, 2.0 EFI DOHC 4 cylinder, auto., four wheel disc ABs;. cloth seats, center console, rear defroster, delay wipers, fog lights, power windows/locks/mirrors, am-fm/CD player, keyless entry, balance of factory warranty, U2-286

NOW $16,500

2011 FORD FIESTA SEL

Yellow, 1.6L 4 cyl., automatic, full power, AM/FM/CD/Stereo with SYNC, aluminum wheels, Balance of Factory Warranty U2-238

WAS $16,995
NOW $15,995

2010 TOYOTA VENZA AWD

Blue. 3.5V-6, auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, alum wheels, full size spare, leather heated seats, power moon roof/seats/window/lock/mirrors, fog lights, auto temp air/heat, rear defrost/washer/wiper, cruise, tilt, wheel, am-fm/CD/Navigation, CarSmart Certified! F2-309A

WAS $24,750
NOW $23,995

2008 FORD TAURUS X SEL

Black. 3.5l V6, auto, alum wheels, air, tilt, cruise 6-disc CD, power seat/locks/mirrors/windows, 68,000 miles U2-153A

WAS $15,600
NOW $14,995

2012 FORD FIESTA SES

1.6EFI, 4 cyl., automatic, cloth seating, air, cruise, tilt, rear defroster/washer/wiper, aluminum wheels, heated seats, power moonroof/windows/locks/mirrors, AM/FM/CD player F2-396D

NOW $17,995

2009 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED

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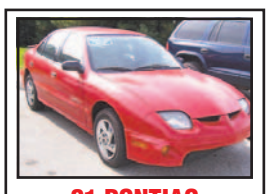

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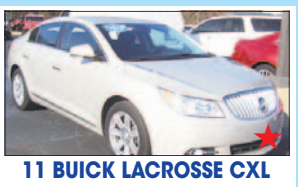

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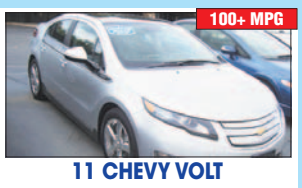

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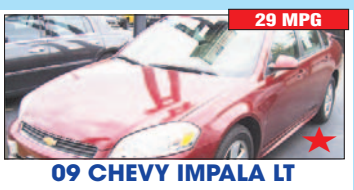

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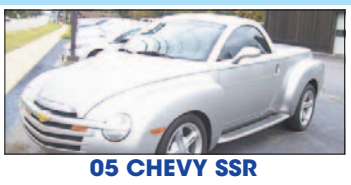

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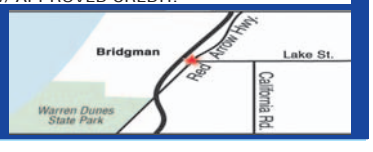

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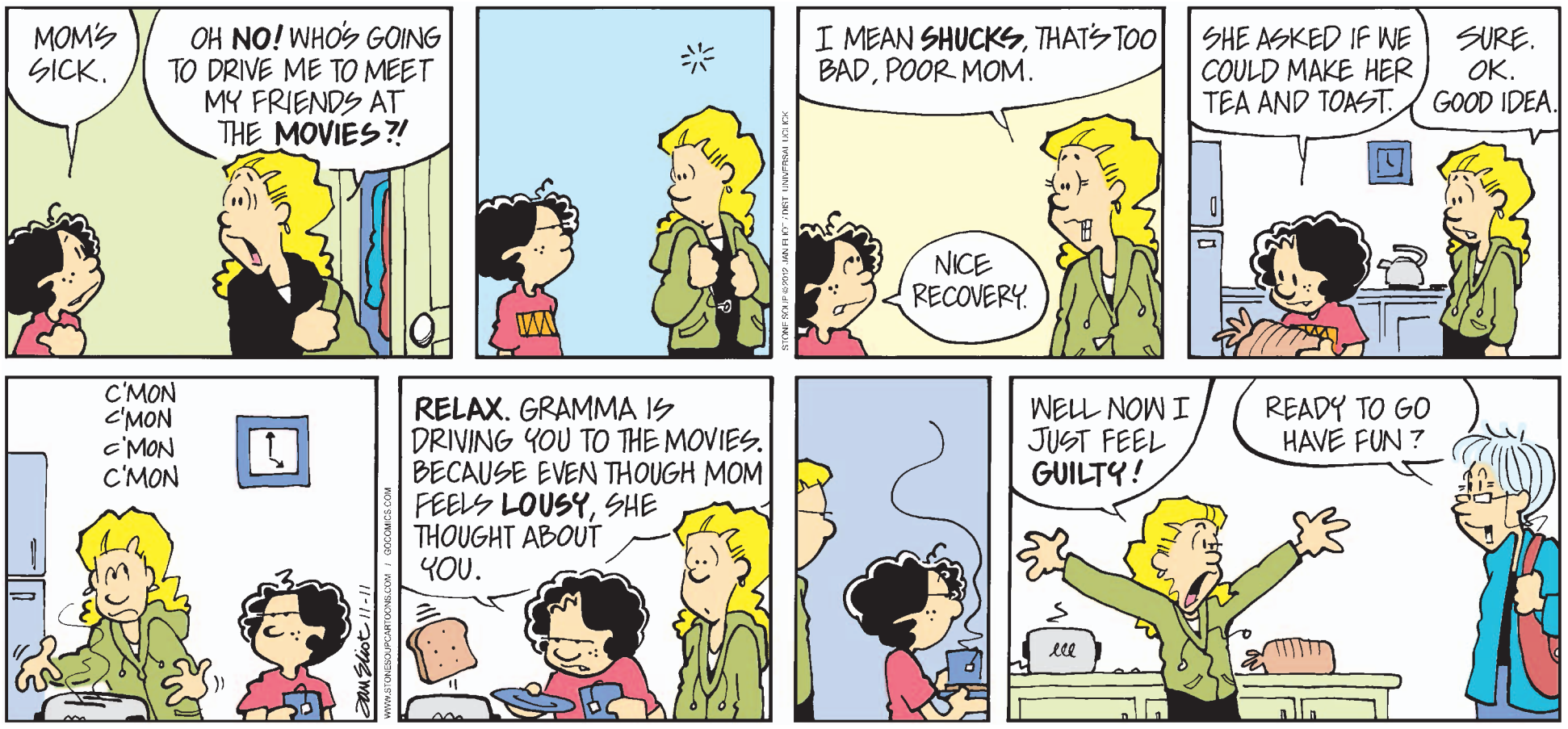
Stone Soup

By Jan Eliot


MOM'S SICK.
OH NO! WHO'S GOING TO DRIVE ME TO MEET MY FRIENDS AT THE MOVIES?!
I MEAN SHUCKS, THAT'S TOO BAD, POOR MOM.
NICE RECOVERY.
SHE ASKED IF WE COULD MAKE HER TEA AND TOAST.
SURE. OK. GOOD IDEA.
C'MON C'MON C'MON C'MON
RELAX. GRAMMA IS DRIVING YOU TO THE MOVIES. BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH MOM FEELS LOUSY, SHE THOUGHT ABOUT YOU.
WELL NOW I JUST FEEL GUILTY!
READY TO GO HAVE FUN?
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RED and ROVER

by Brian Basset

HAPPY VETERANS DAY!
IT'S ALSO A SAD DAY— Y'KNOW, FOR ALL OF THOSE VETERANS WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US.
NO, SAD WOULD BE IF NONE OF THEM HAD EVER SERVED.
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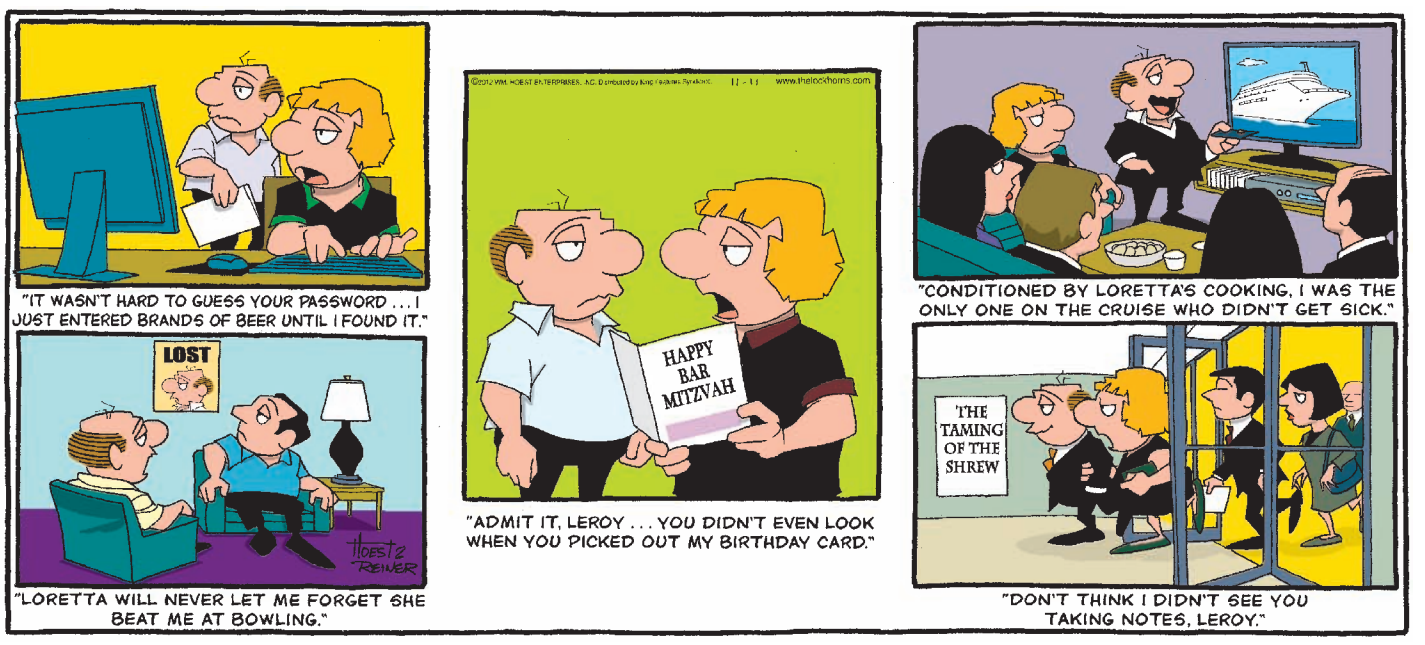
THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER


"IT WASN'T HARD TO GUESS YOUR PASSWORD . . . I JUST ENTERED BRANDS OF BEER UNTIL I FOUND IT."
LOST
HOEST & REINER
"LORETTA WILL NEVER LET ME FORGET SHE BEAT ME AT BOWLING."
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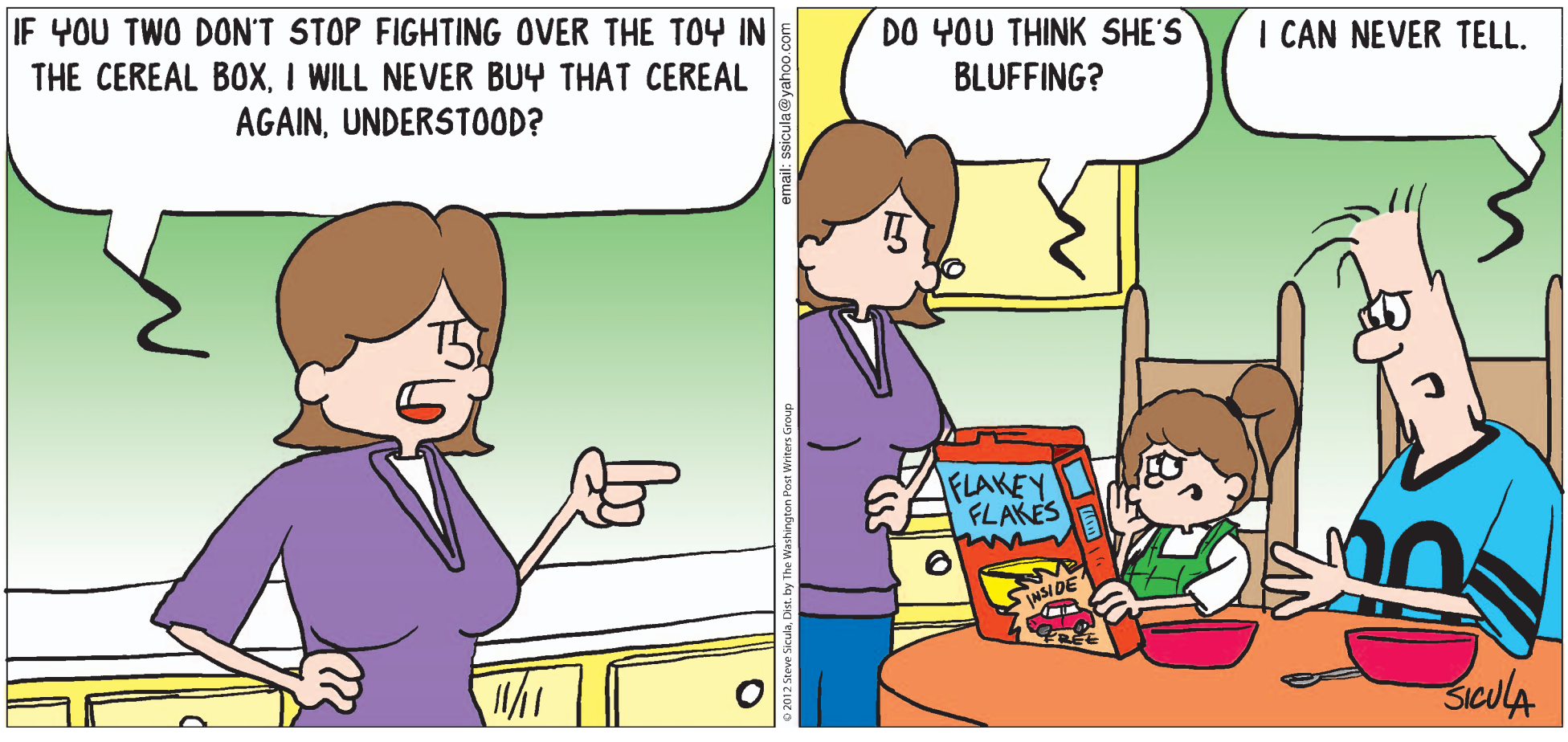
HAPPY BAR MITZVAH
"ADMIT IT, LEROY . . . YOU DIDN'T EVEN LOOK WHEN YOU PICKED OUT MY BIRTHDAY CARD."
"CONDITIONED BY LORETTA'S COOKING, I WAS THE ONLY ONE ON THE CRUISE WHO DIDN'T GET SICK."
THE TAMING OF THE SHREW
"DON'T THINK I DIDN'T SEE YOU TAKING NOTES, LEROY."

Home and Away

By Steve Sicula


IF YOU TWO DON'T STOP FIGHTING OVER THE TOY IN THE CEREAL BOX, I WILL NEVER BUY THAT CEREAL AGAIN, UNDERSTOOD?
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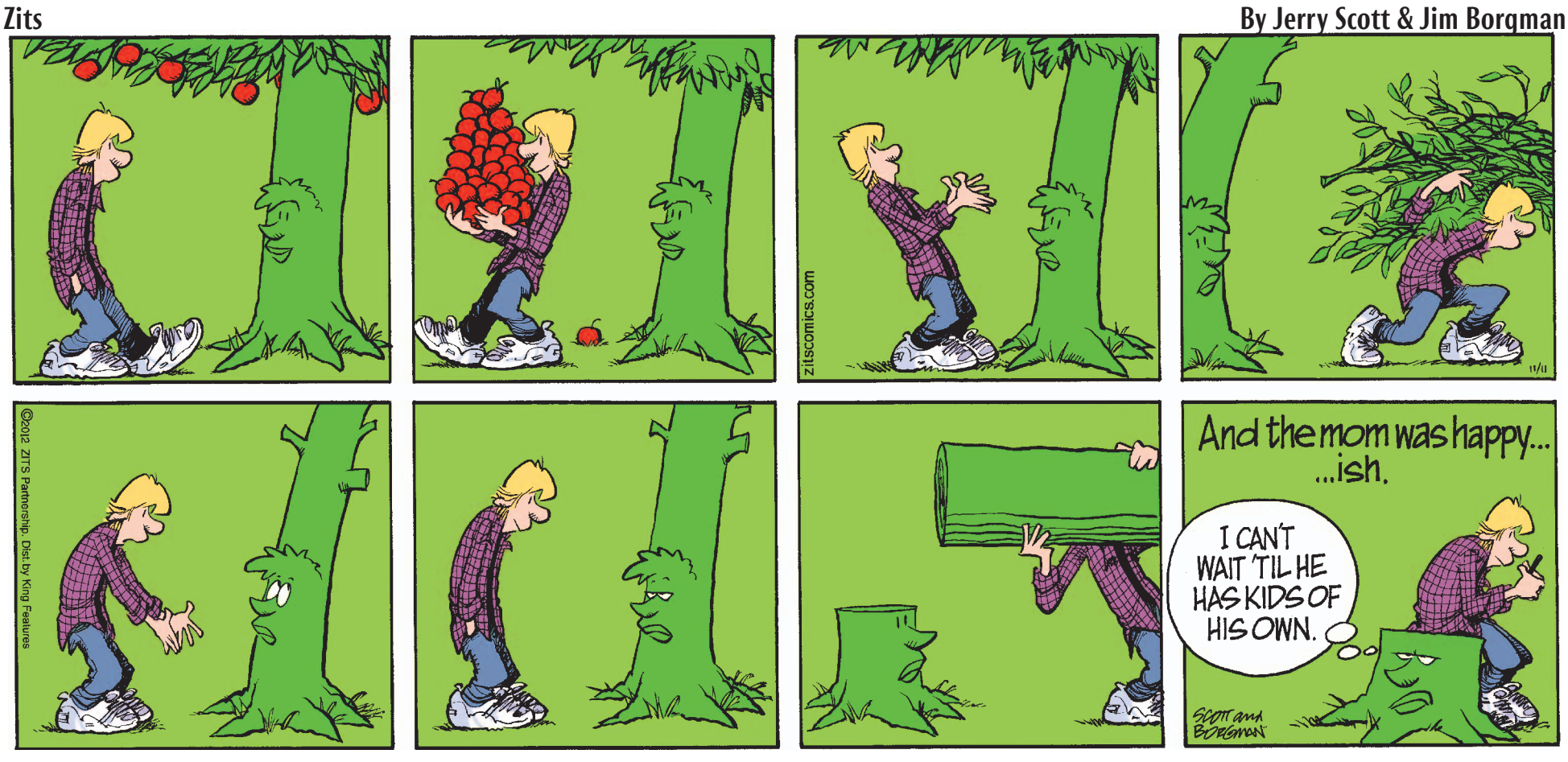
DO YOU THINK SHE'S BLUFFING?
I CAN NEVER TELL.
FLAKEY FLAKES
INSIDE
FREE
SICULA

Zits

By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman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And the mom was happy...
...ish.
I CAN'T WAIT 'TIL HE HAS KIDS OF HIS OWN.
SCOTT and BORGMAN

Jump Start

Starring JOE & MARCY

By Robb Armstrong

CAN'T TALK, BRO...
I'M AT PRACTICE
PRACTICE ENDED SIXTEEN SECONDS AGO
BIG BROTHER IS ALWAYS WATCHING - AND YELLING.
I HAVE SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BRONCOS GAME, MARCUS...
I KNOW
ALL YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS THAT GAME!
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YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON ON EARTH STUCK ON THAT DENVER GAME!
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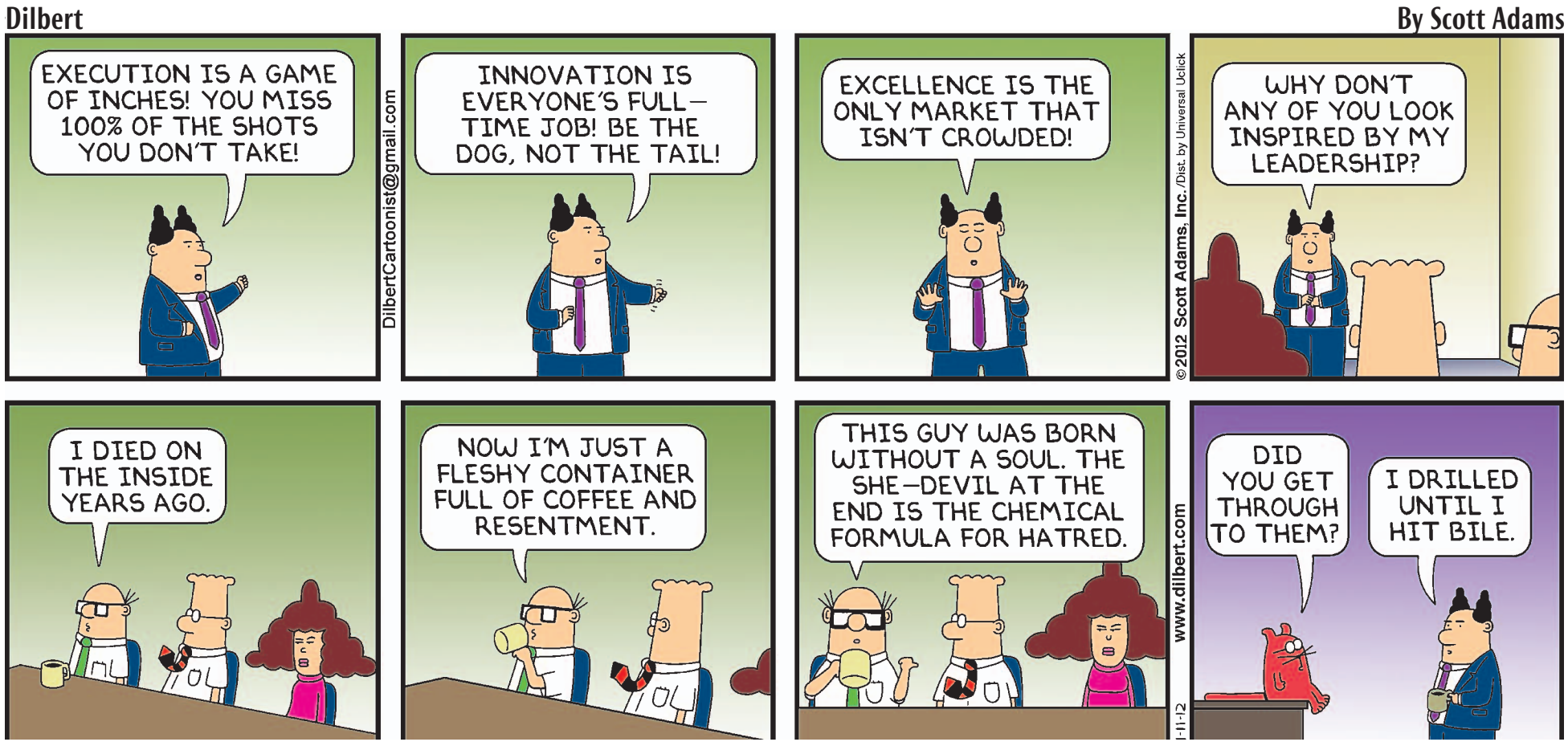
I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT DENVER BRONCOS GAME...
RIVERS

Dilbert

By Scott Adams


EXECUTION IS A GAME OF INCHES! YOU MISS 100% OF THE SHOTS YOU DON'T TAKE!
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INNOVATION IS EVERYONE'S FULL-TIME JOB! BE THE DOG, NOT THE TAIL!
EXCELLENCE IS THE ONLY MARKET THAT ISN'T CROWDED!
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WHY DON'T ANY OF YOU LOOK INSPIRED BY MY LEADERSHIP?
I DIED ON THE INSIDE YEARS AGO.
NOW I'M JUST A FLESHY CONTAINER FULL OF COFFEE AND RESENTMENT.
THIS GUY WAS BORN WITHOUT A SOUL. THE SHE-DEVIL AT THE END IS THE CHEMICAL FORMULA FOR HATRED.
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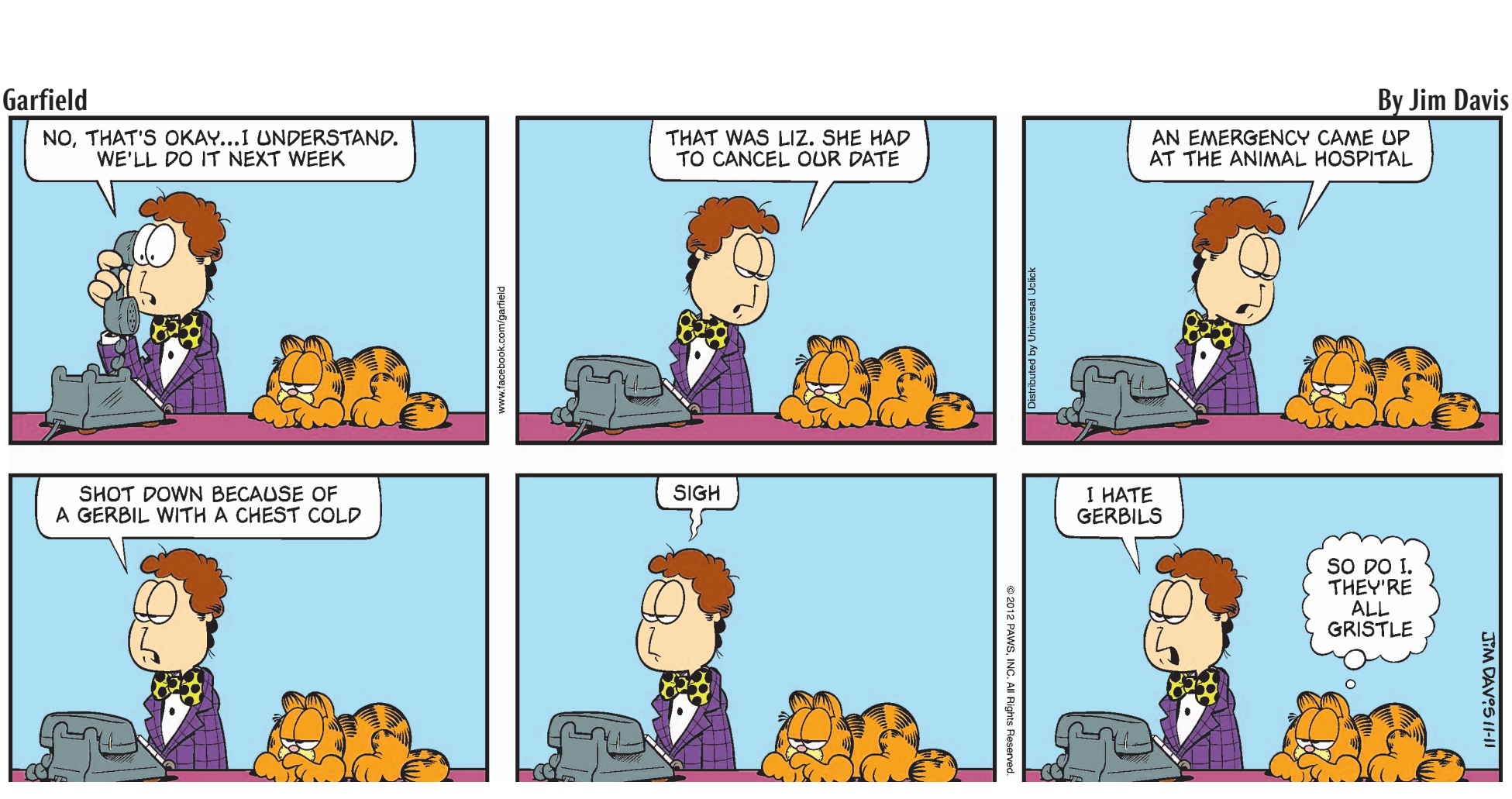
DID YOU GET THROUGH TO THEM?
I DRILLED UNTIL I HIT BILE.

Garfield

By Jim Davis


NO, THAT'S OKAY...I UNDERSTAND. WE'LL DO IT NEXT WEEK
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THAT WAS LIZ. SHE HAD TO CANCEL OUR DATE
AN EMERGENCY CAME UP AT THE ANIMAL HOSPITAL
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SHOT DOWN BECAUSE OF A GERBIL WITH A CHEST COLD
SIGH
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I HATE GERBILS
SO DO I. THEY'RE ALL GRISTLE
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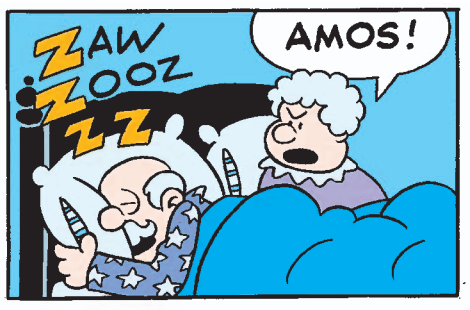

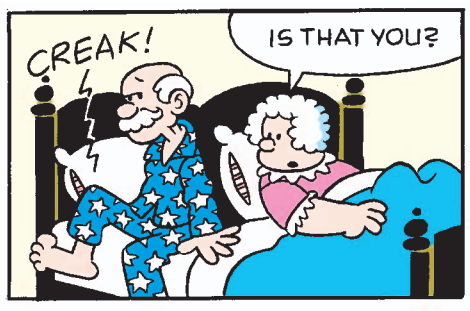

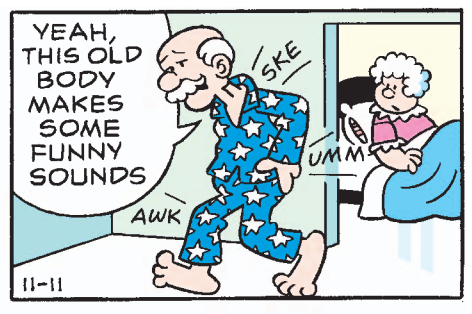

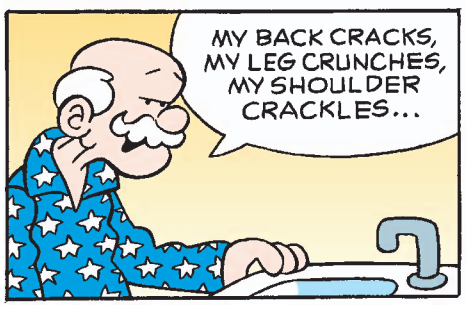

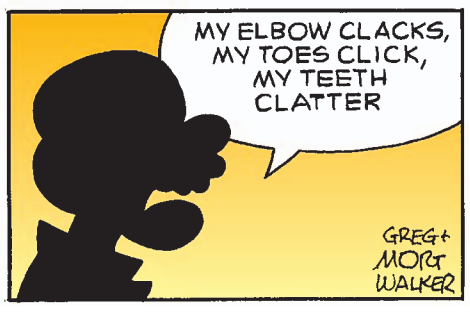

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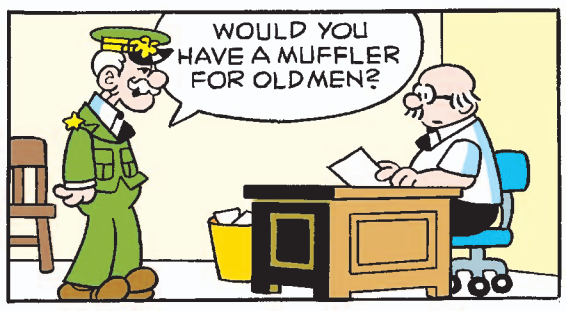

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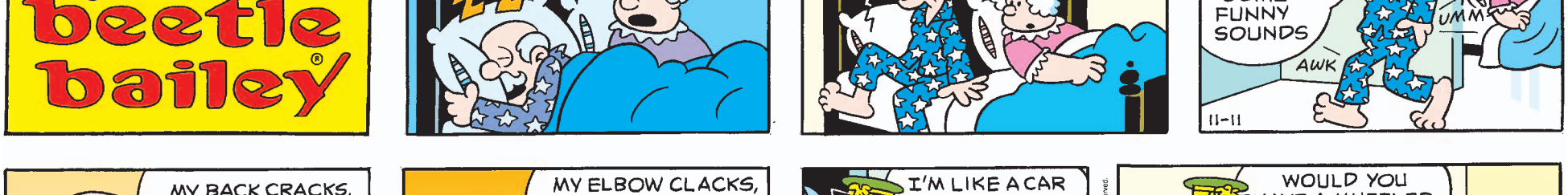
THEY TOOK THEIR OARS ON FOREIGN SHORES
VOLUNTARILY.
SITTING HERE BESIDE MY BEER
SHADED BY MY TREE,
GIVES ME CAUSE TO TAKE A PAUSE...
FOR THEM I SIT HERE FREE —
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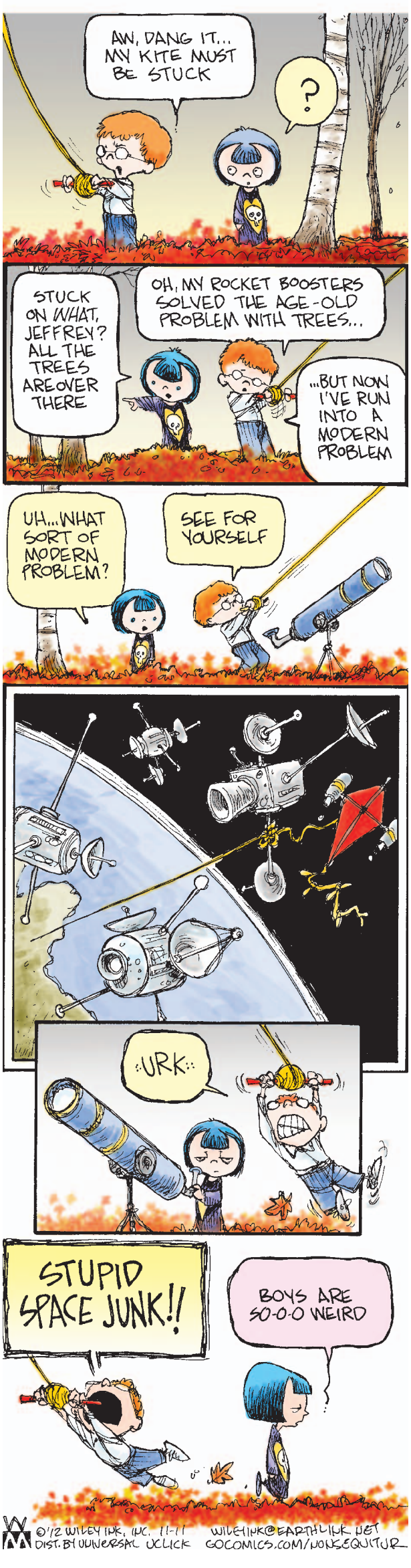
AW, DANG IT... MY KITE MUST BE STUCK
?
STUCK ON WHAT, JEFFREY? ALL THE TREES ARE OVER THERE
OH, MY ROCKET BOOSTERS SOLVED THE AGE-OLD PROBLEM WITH TREES...
...BUT NOW I'VE RUN INTO A MODERN PROBLEM
UH...WHAT SORT OF MODERN PROBLEM?
SEE FOR YOURSELF
:URK:
STUPID SPACE JUNK!!
BOYS ARE SO-O-O WEIRD
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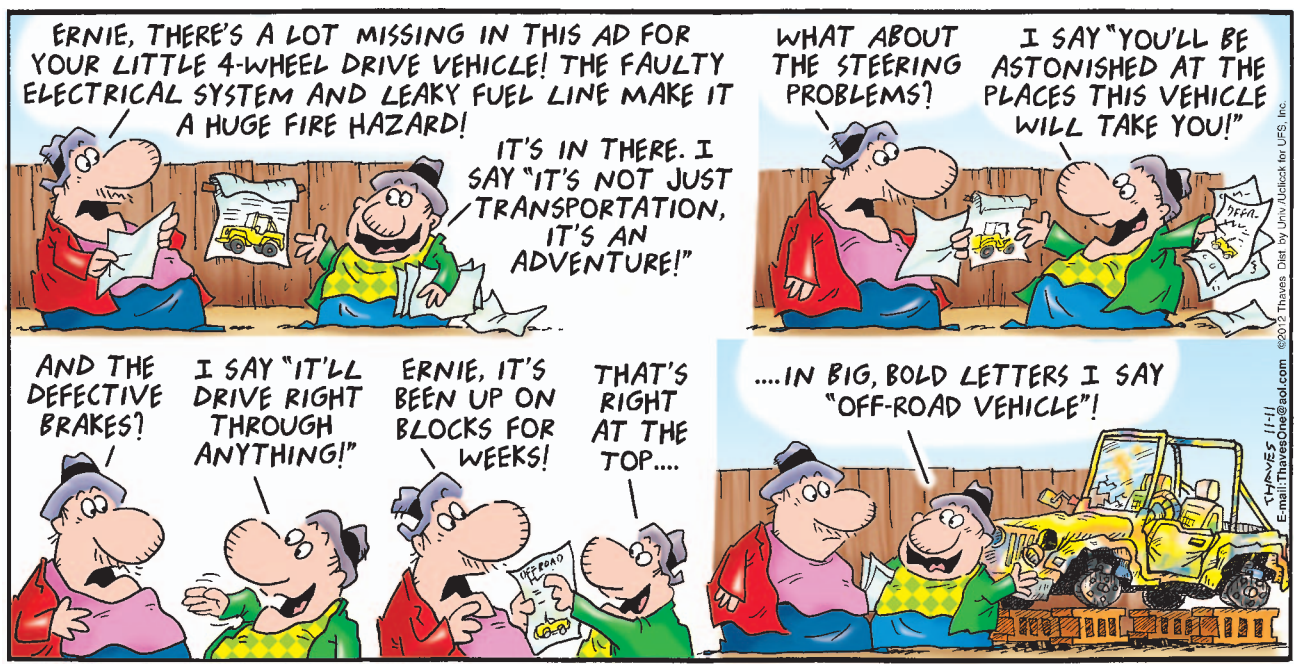
ERNIE, THERE'S A LOT MISSING IN THIS AD FOR YOUR LITTLE 4-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE! THE FAULTY ELECTRICAL SYSTEM AND LEAKY FUEL LINE MAKE IT A HUGE FIRE HAZARD!
IT'S IN THERE. I SAY "IT'S NOT JUST TRANSPORTATION, IT'S AN ADVENTURE!"
WHAT ABOUT THE STEERING PROBLEMS?
I SAY "YOU'LL BE ASTONISHED AT THE PLACES THIS VEHICLE WILL TAKE YOU!"
AND THE DEFECTIVE BRAKES?
I SAY "IT'LL DRIVE RIGHT THROUGH ANYTHING!"
ERNIE, IT'S BEEN UP ON BLOCKS FOR WEEKS!
THAT'S RIGHT AT THE TOP....
....IN BIG, BOLD LETTERS I SAY "OFF-ROAD VEHICLE"!
OFF-ROAD
THAVES 11-11
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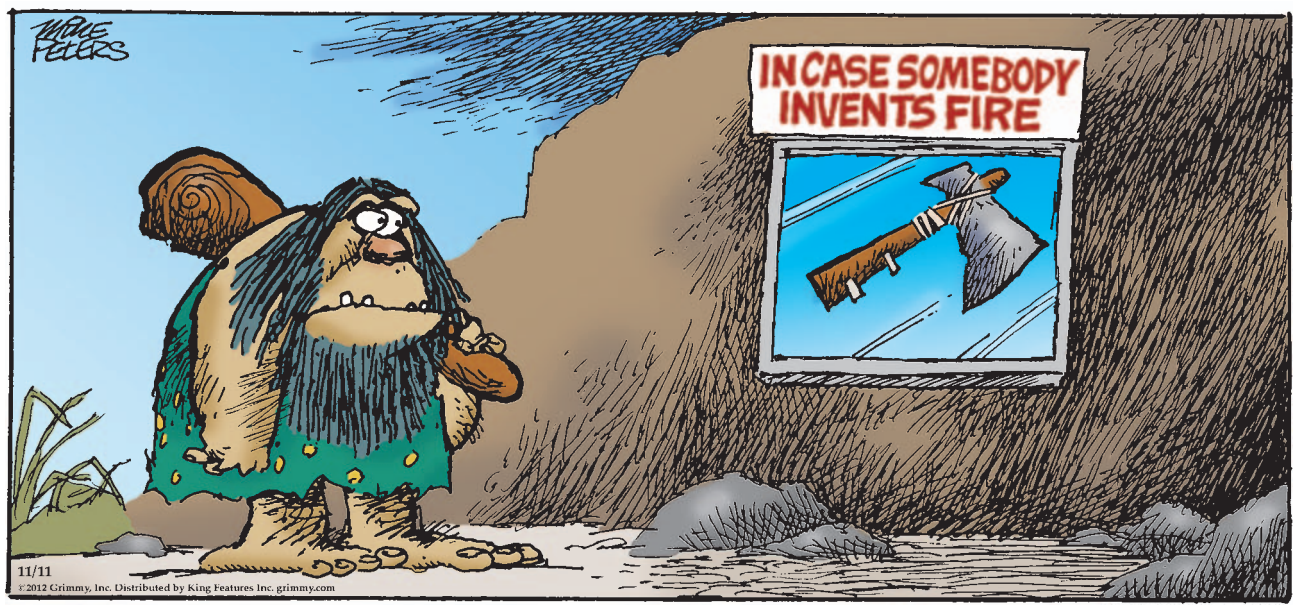
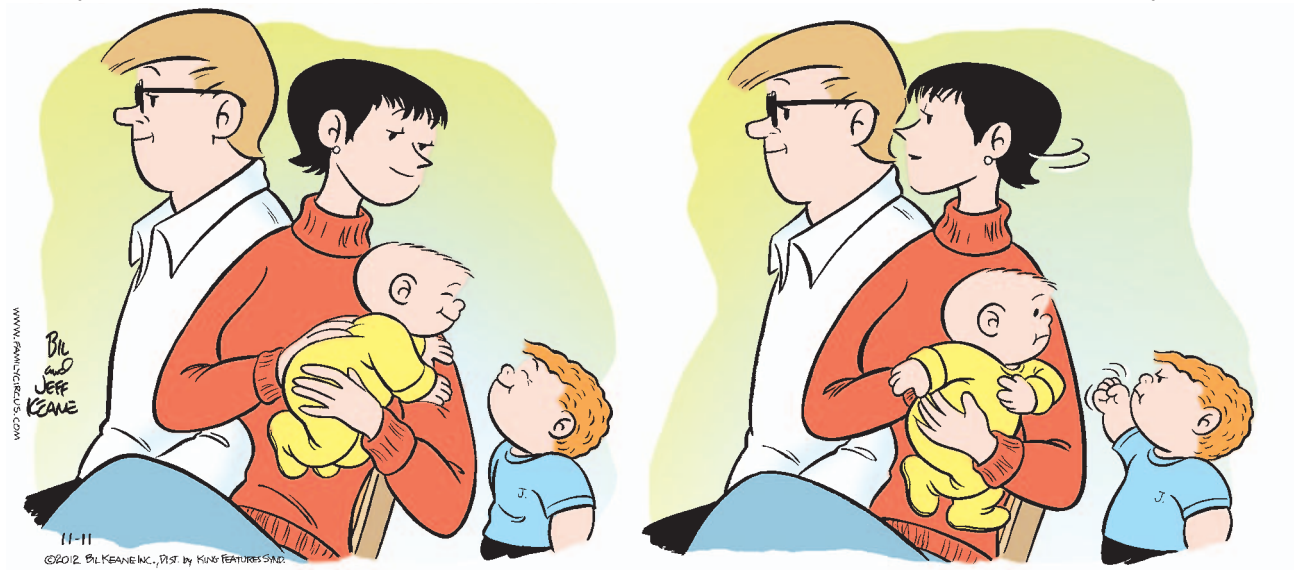
Mother Goose & Grimm

By Mike Peters



Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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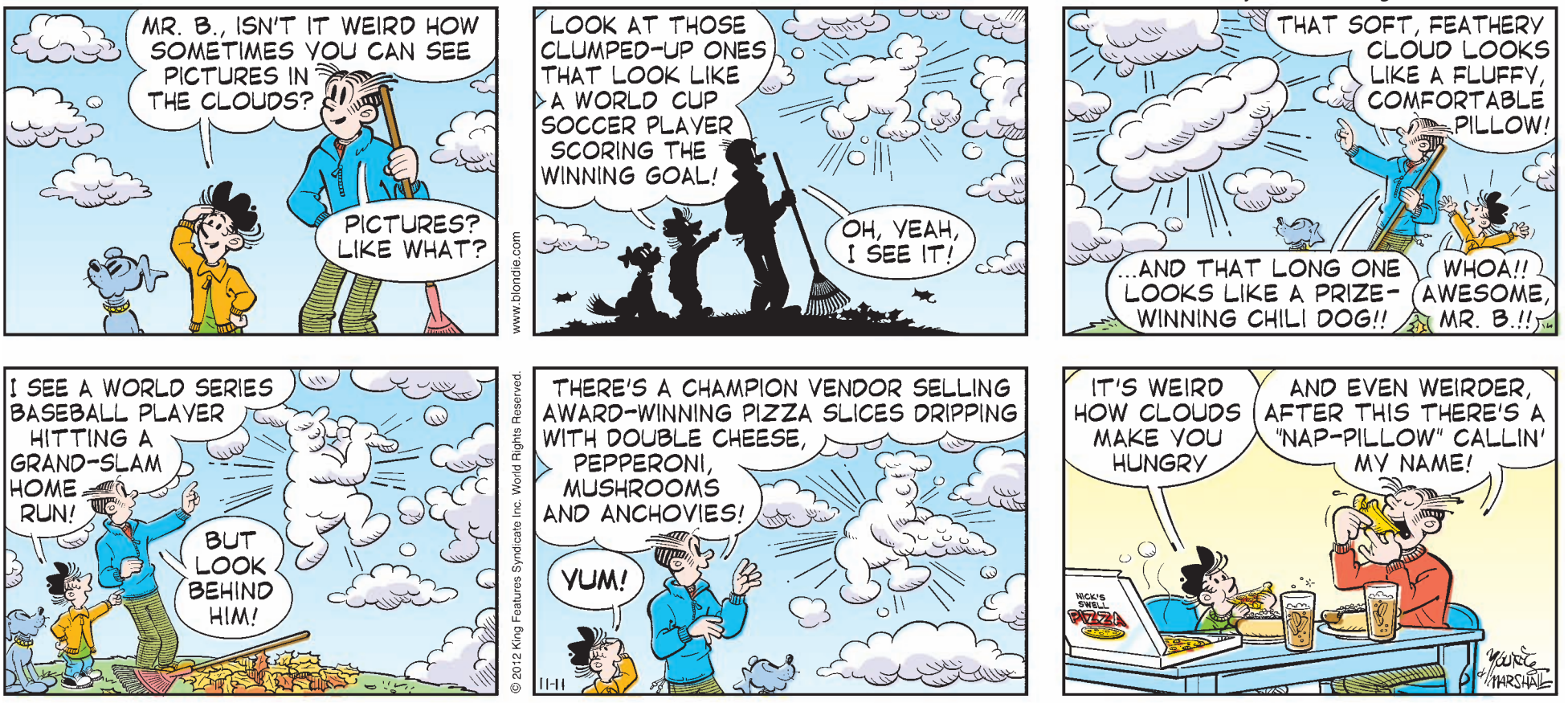
MR. B., ISN'T IT WEIRD HOW SOMETIMES YOU CAN SEE PICTURES IN THE CLOUDS?
PICTURES? LIKE WHAT?
LOOK AT THOSE CLUMPED-UP ONES THAT LOOK LIKE A WORLD CUP SOCCER PLAYER SCORING THE WINNING GOAL!
OH, YEAH, I SEE IT!
THAT SOFT, FEATHERY CLOUD LOOKS LIKE A FLUFFY, COMFORTABLE PILLOW!
...AND THAT LONG ONE LOOKS LIKE A PRIZE-WINNING CHILI DOG!!
WHOA!! AWESOME, MR. B.!!
I SEE A WORLD SERIES BASEBALL PLAYER HITTING A GRAND-SLAM HOME RUN!
BUT LOOK BEHIND HIM!
THERE'S A CHAMPION VENDOR SELLING AWARD-WINNING PIZZA SLICES DRIPPING WITH DOUBLE CHEESE, PEPPERONI, MUSHROOMS AND ANCHOVIES!
YUM!
11-11
IT'S WEIRD HOW CLOUDS MAKE YOU HUNGRY
AND EVEN WEIRDER, AFTER THIS THERE'S A "NAP-PILLOW" CALLIN' MY NAME!
NICK'S SWELL PIZZA
YOURS
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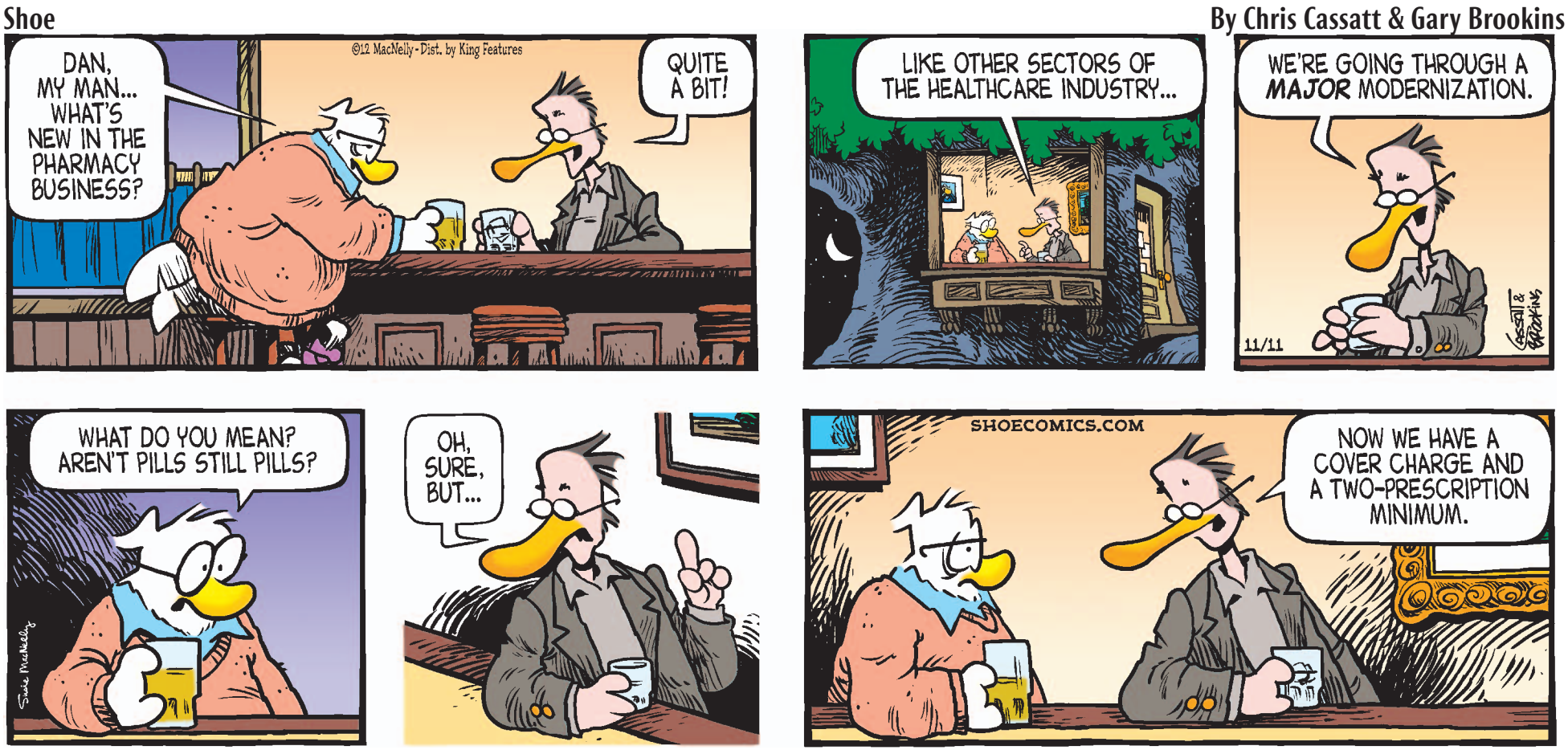
Shoe

By Chris Cassatt & Gary Brookins


DAN, MY MAN... WHAT'S NEW IN THE PHARMACY BUSINESS?
QUITE A BIT!
LIKE OTHER SECTORS OF THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY...
WE'RE GOING THROUGH A MAJOR MODERNIZATION.
11/11
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? AREN'T PILLS STILL PILLS?
OH, SURE, BUT...
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NOW WE HAVE A COVER CHARGE AND A TWO-PRESCRIPTION MINIMUM.
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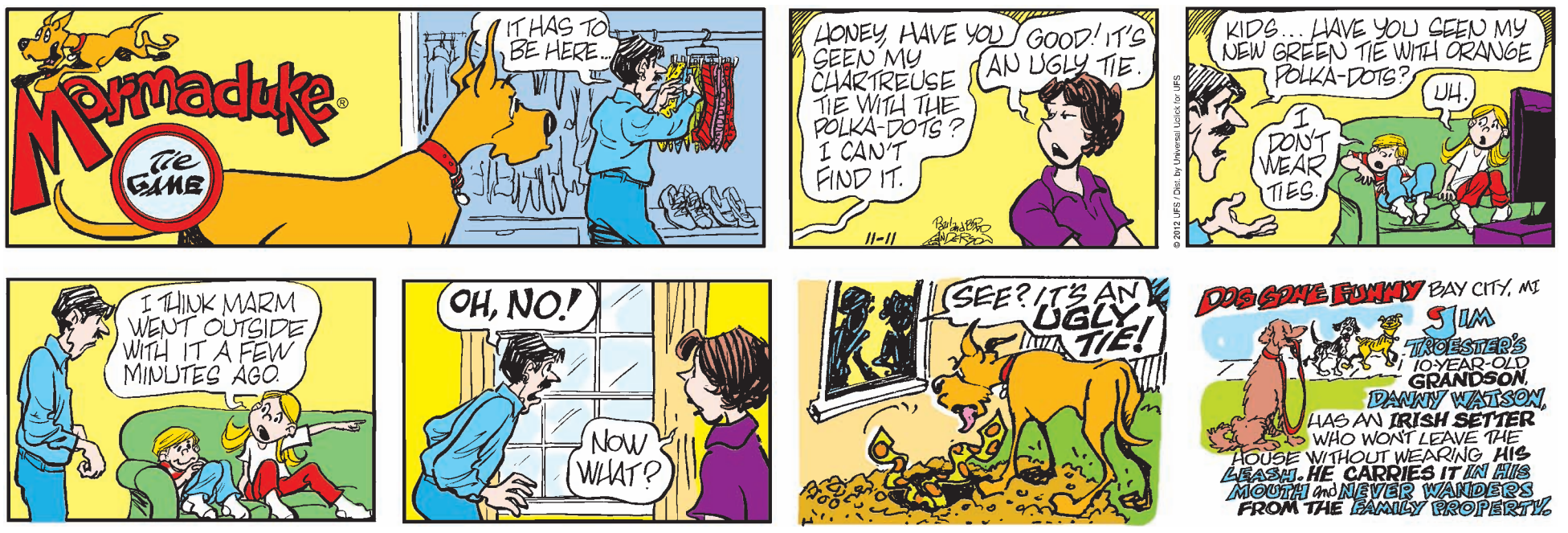
Marmaduke
Tie Game
IT HAS TO BE HERE...
HONEY, HAVE YOU SEEN MY CHARTREUSE TIE WITH THE POLKA-DOTS? I CAN'T FIND IT.
GOOD! IT'S AN UGLY TIE.
11-11
KIDS... HAVE YOU SEEN MY NEW GREEN TIE WITH ORANGE POLKA-DOTS?
UH.
I DON'T WEAR TIES.
I THINK MARM WENT OUTSIDE WITH IT A FEW MINUTES AGO.
OH, NO!
NOW WHAT?
SEE? IT'S AN UGLY TIE!
DOG GONE FUNNY BAY CITY, MI
JIM TROESTER'S 10-YEAR-OLD GRANDSON, DANNY WATSON, HAS AN IRISH SETTER WHO WON'T LEAVE THE HOUSE WITHOUT WEARING HIS LEASH. HE CARRIES IT IN HIS MOUTH and NEVER WANDERS FROM THE FAMILY PROPERTY.
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Baby Blues

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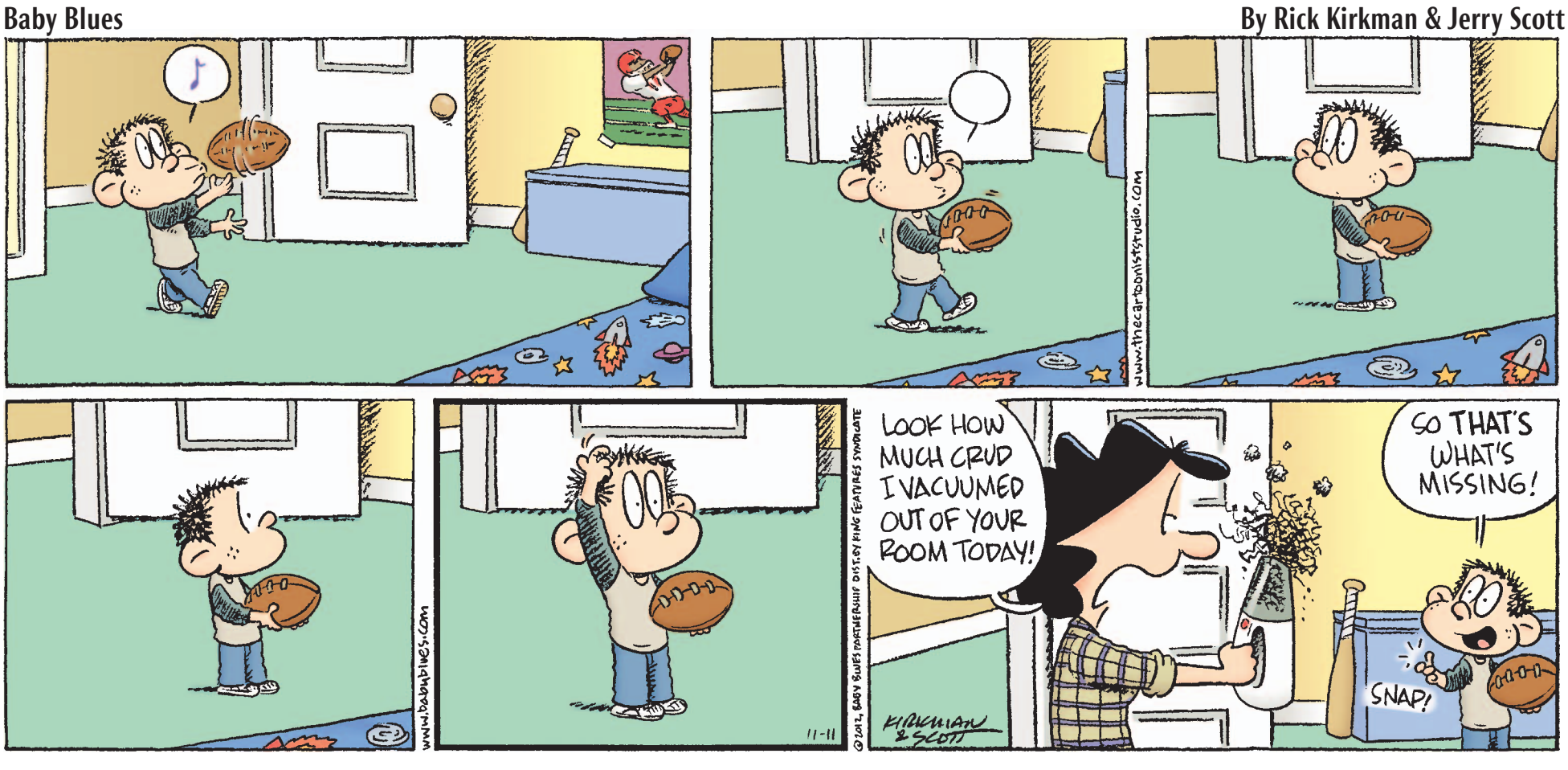

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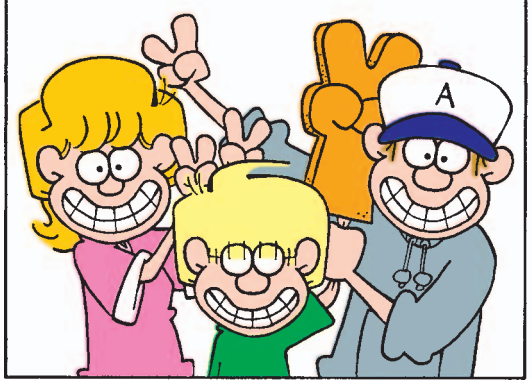

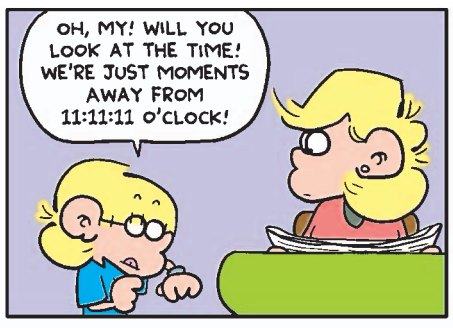

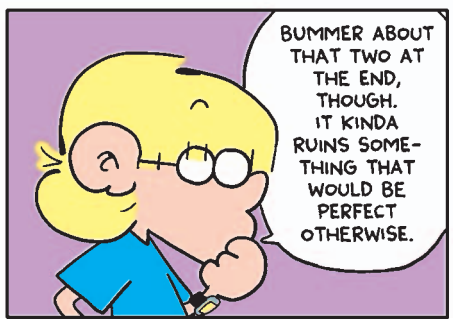

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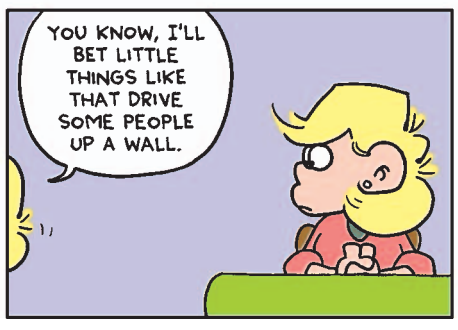

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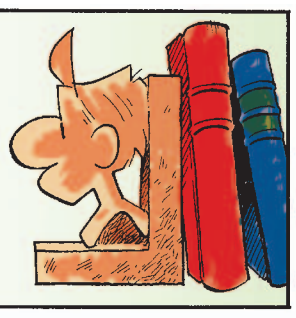

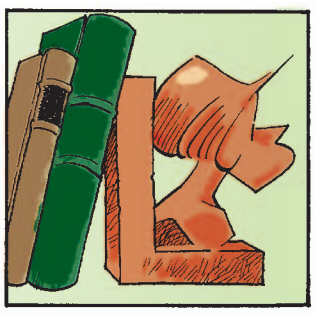

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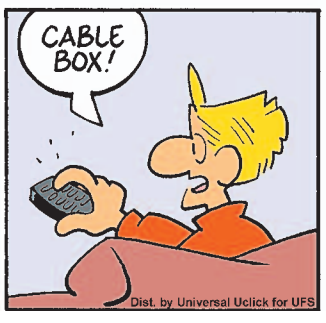

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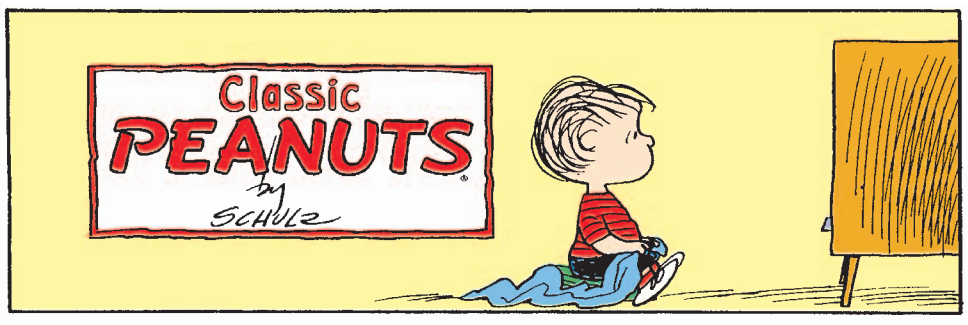

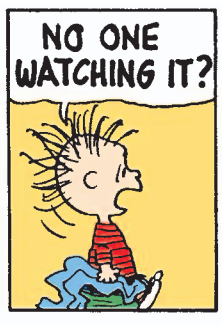

HAGAR the horrible

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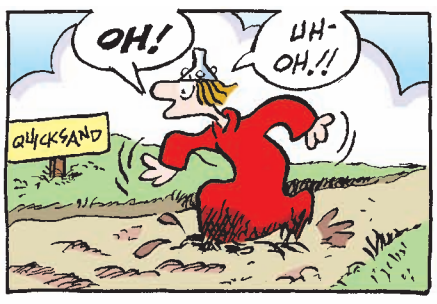

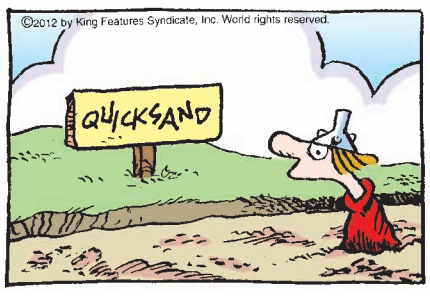

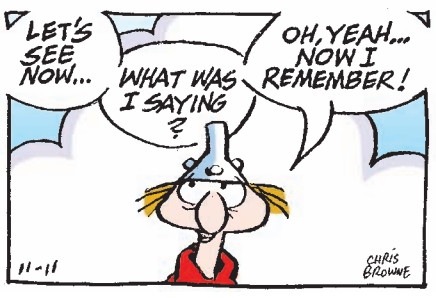

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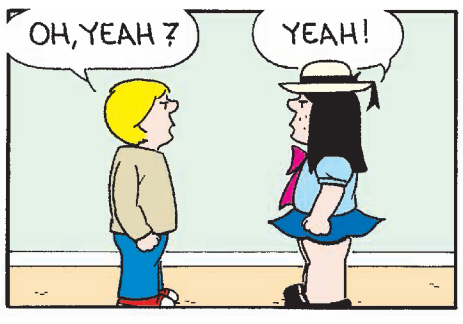

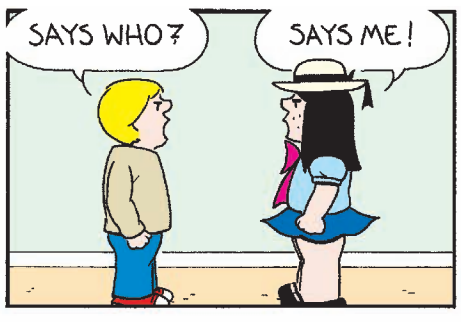

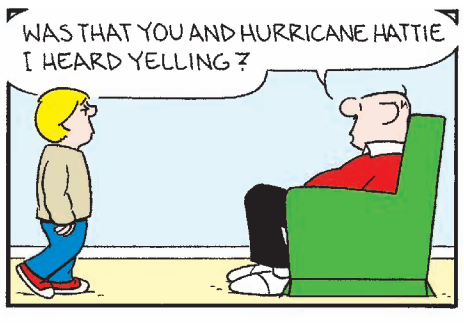

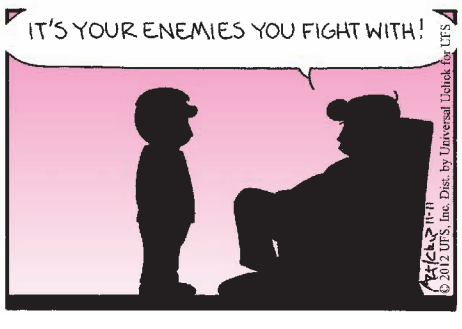

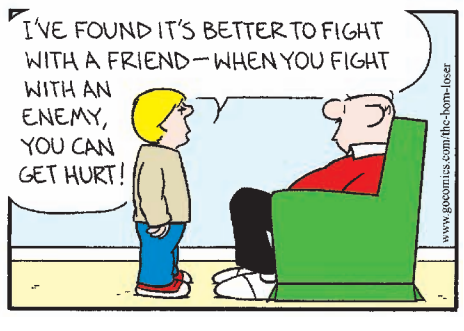

Get Fuzzy

By Darby Conley

WANNA TRY MY CHICKEN A L'ORANGE?
SURE, I'LL HAVE A GO.
Mr. Fun
EWW... THIS IS TERRIBLE. WHAT KIND OF ORANGE DID YOU USE?
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BOTH KINDS : MARKER AND CRAYON.
IT TASTES LIKE A TOILET SEAT.
Mr. Fun
WELL, I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT'S NOT TRUE! HA HA!
Fun Guy!
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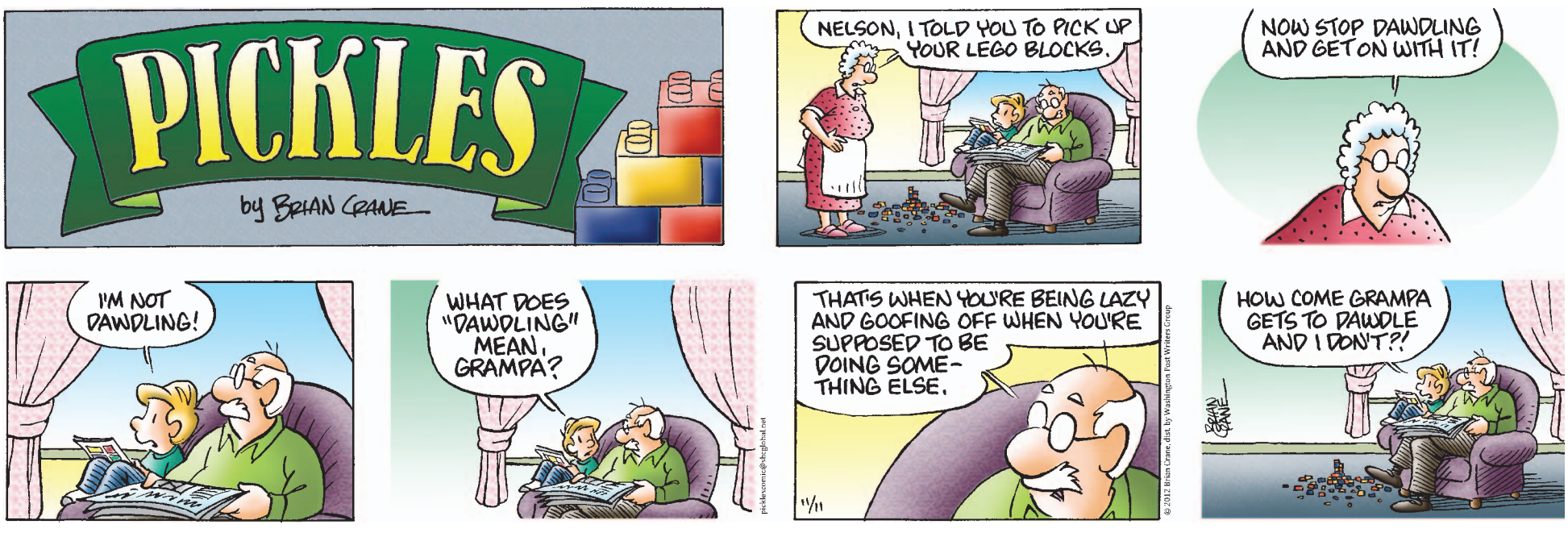
YOU SURE YOU USED A COOKBOOK? MAYBE IT WAS A C.I.A. CHICKEN INTERROGATION MANUAL AND YOU GOT CARRIED AWAY.
HEY, THAT RECIPE HAD A MICHELIN MARK!
TASTES LIKE IT HAS MARKS FROM TWO GOODYEARS AND A FEW DUNLAPS, TOO.
darb
WHERE'D YOU GET A CHICKEN? ROB NEVER BUYS THEM.
I USED YOURS, SORRY.
Fun Guy!
I DON'T HAVE A CHICKEN.
IT WAS IN YOUR DRAWER. THE PACKAGE SAID IT WAS A MASSEUSE CHICKEN.
WAIT... YOU MEAN MY RUBBER CHICKEN?
IS THAT DIFFERENT? DID IT NOT HAVE AN OFFICIAL RUBBER THERAPIST LICENSE?
Guy!


PICKLES
by BRIAN CRANE
NELSON, I TOLD YOU TO PICK UP YOUR LEGO BLOCKS.
NOW STOP DAWDLING AND GET ON WITH IT!
I'M NOT DAWDLING!
WHAT DOES "DAWDLING" MEAN, GRAMPA?
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THAT'S WHEN YOU'RE BEING LAZY AND GOOFING OFF WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING SOMETHING ELSE.
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HOW COME GRAMPA GETS TO DAWDLE AND I DON'T?!
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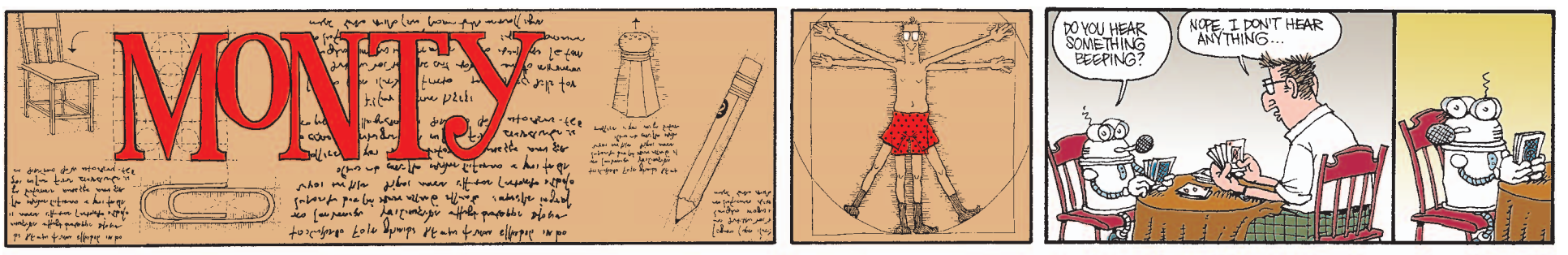
MONTY
DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING BEEPING?
NOPE, I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING...
I DEFINITELY HEAR A FAINT BEEPING SOUND...
NOPE. NOPE. NOTHING. IT'S PROBABLY JUST YOUR IMAGINATION...
ACTUALLY, I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S COMING FROM SOMEWHERE IN HERE...
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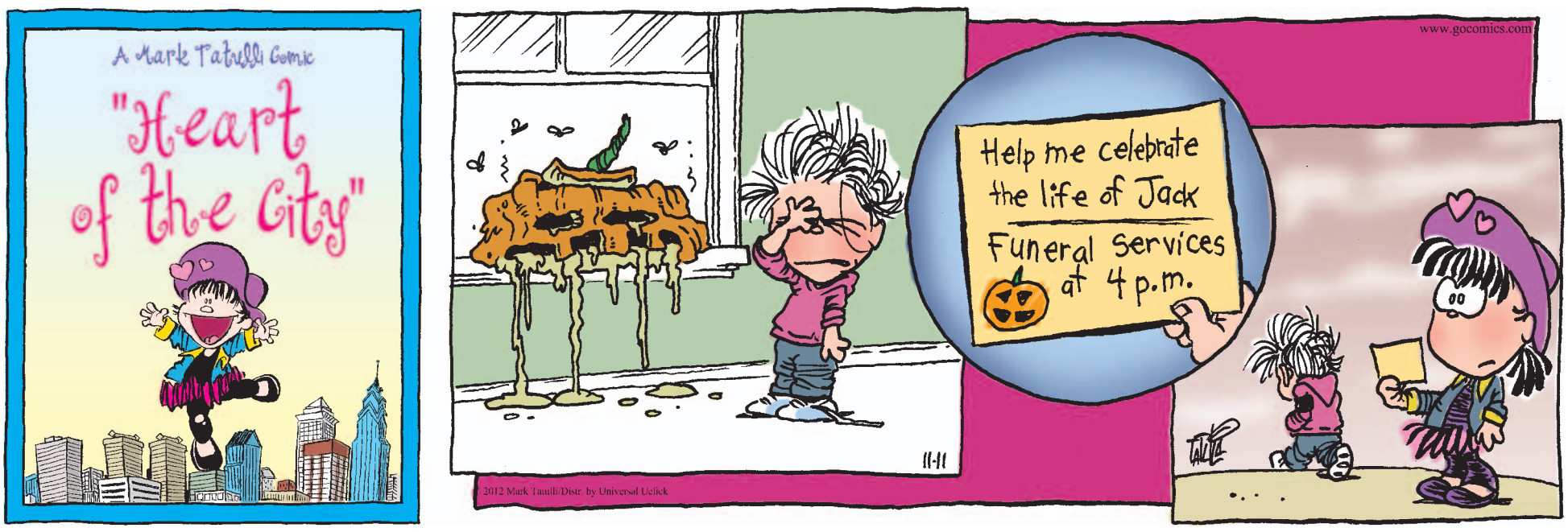
Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep
OK! I ADMIT IT! I CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO TURN OFF THE ALARM ON MY 17-FUNCTION SPORT WATCH!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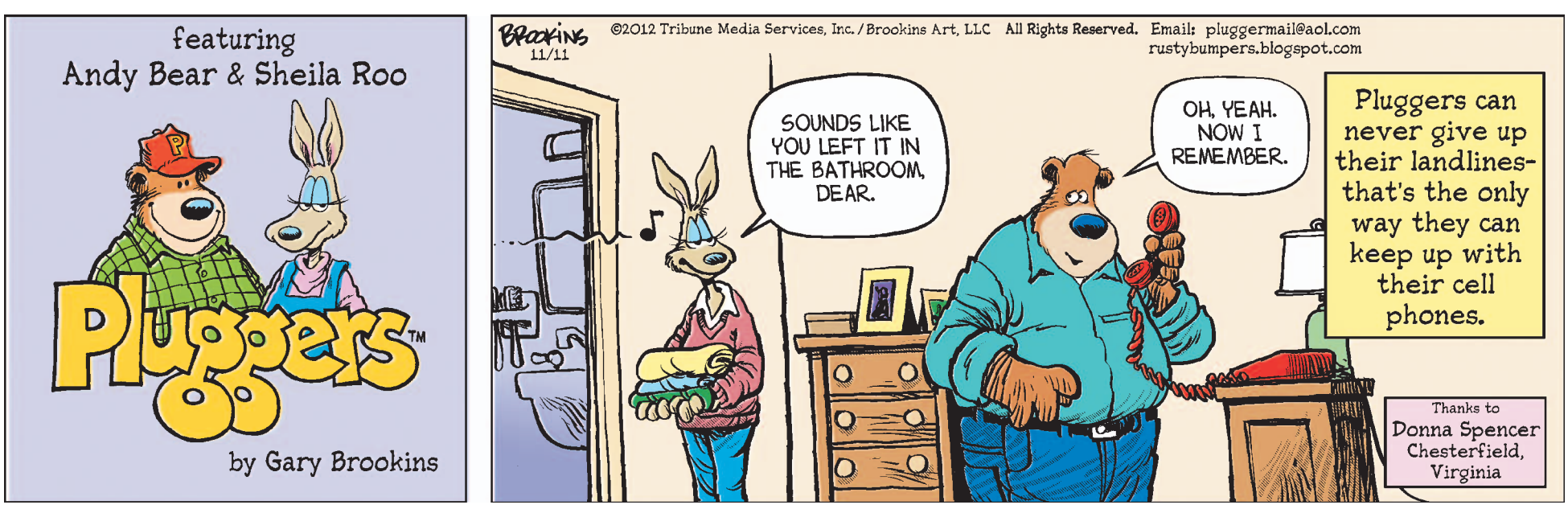
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SOUNDS LIKE YOU LEFT IT IN THE BATHROOM, DEAR.
OH, YEAH. NOW I REMEMBER.
Pluggers can never give up their landlines- that's the only way they can keep up with their cell phones.
Thanks to
Donna Spencer
Chesterfield, Virginia